

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000796

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing

Update on the current review of research policy and funding arrangements being undertaken by Dr Watt

Question

Please provide an update on the current review of research policy and funding arrangements being undertaken by Dr Watt.

- (a) When is the final report expected to be received?
- (b) How does this fit into the Government's plan to release an innovation statement before the end of the year? Is this work feeding into the innovation statement? If so, how? If not, does this mean that the innovation statement won't look at basic research or research-industry collaboration?

Answer

- a) The final report of Dr Watt's is expected to be submitted to the Minister of Education and Training by the end of November 2015.
- b) The department is working closely with the departments of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and Industry, Innovation and Science to support the development of the Innovation Statement by the Government.