

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. SQ15-000797

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

Research Policy and Funding Review - appointment of Dr Ian Watt AO

Question

- (a) How was the decision to appoint Dr Ian Watt to lead the Research Policy and Funding Review taken?
- (b) Who made that decision?
- (c) Approximately how many days' work is Dr Watt expected to devote to this role?

Answer

The Hon Christopher Pyne MP, the then Minister for Education and Training, made the decision to engage Dr Watt to undertake the review.

As at the end of October, Dr Watt had worked 20 days full time equivalent on the review and is expected to devote an equivalent amount of time to the report conclusion.