

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000864

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

VET funding responsibilities

Question

What analysis has the department undertaken on the impact on the sector of the proposal for a take-over of funding responsibilities for VET by the Commonwealth?

What advice has been provided to government?

Answer

As part of the Reform of the Federation White Paper process, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) is working with state and territory first ministers' departments to consider a shift in responsibility for VET to the Commonwealth. PM&C, as the lead agency, is responsible for providing advice to the Government on the Reform of the Federation White Paper process.

Options for reform are still being developed. The Department of Education and Training, in conjunction with PM&C, has undertaken some high-level analysis of a Commonwealth-led system to inform further discussions by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) later this year.