

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000878

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing.

Higher education and research reviews since October 2013

Question

How many non-legislative inquiries, reviews, options papers and discussion papers, and consultations have been undertaken by the Department in the fields of higher education and/or research or a combination of the two since the 2013 election?

- What is the total expenditure by the Department on the administration of these reviews?
- How much time does the Department estimate it has spent on administering each of these reviews?
- Does the Department have any indication of how much time universities have put into responding to each the reviews?

Answer

The Department of Education and Training has provided in the table below the names of non-legislative inquiries, reviews, option papers, discussion papers or consultations undertaken by the department in the fields of higher education and/or research or a combination of the two since the 2013 election.

Where possible, the department has provided specific and identifiable costs associated with each item. Primarily these are costs associated with external consultancies to undertake or provide input to these reviews.

Each non-legislative inquiry, review, option paper, discussion paper and consultation has been supported by departmental staff and sought the input of relevant stakeholders, including universities. Specific estimates of departmental time spent on administering each of these reviews and university time spent on responding to each of these reviews are not available and providing such estimates would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

Name of non-legislative inquiry, review, option paper, discussion paper or consultation	Direct costs associated with the non-legislative inquiry, review, option paper, discussion paper or consultation
Review of the Demand Driven System	\$66,215 (GST inclusive)
Driving Innovation, Fairness and Excellence in Australian Higher Education	Prepared with internal resources
Interdepartmental Committee on Access to Higher Education for Regional and Remote Students	Prepared with internal resources

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Review of the Australian National University (ANU) Act 1991 and the governance arrangements of the ANU (the Walker Review)	\$198,370 (GST inclusive)
Advice on Improving the Transparency of Admissions in Higher Education	Prepared by the Higher Education Standards Panel with support from the department
Consultation on New Learning and Teaching Institute	\$20,747.85
National Disability Coordination Officer Program evaluation	\$129,725 (GST inclusive)
Higher Education Disability Support Program Evaluation	\$274,335 (GST inclusive)
Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Program Evaluation	\$487,101 (GST inclusive)
National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education Evaluation	\$77,065 (GST inclusive)
Mapping of Professional Accreditation in Australian Higher Education	\$207,460 (GST inclusive)
Review of the impact of the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Act 2011	\$299,970 (GST inclusive)
Research Infrastructure Review	\$320,974 (GST inclusive)
eResearch Strategic Framework	\$243,980 (GST inclusive)
Review of the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy eResearch Capability	\$162,800 (GST inclusive)
Assessment of Australia's publicly funded research system	\$163,205 (GST inclusive)
Scan of overseas models of university/industry research collaboration and analysis of implications for Australian Government	\$13,200 (GST inclusive)
National Research Infrastructure Roadmap	\$761,840 (GST inclusive)
The Australian Research Data Infrastructure Strategy	Prepared with internal resources
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy Survey 2014 (Program Level report for 2013–14)	\$62,532 (GST inclusive)
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy Survey 2015 (Program Level report for 2014–15)	\$89,173 (GST inclusive)
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy Projects Efficiency Review	\$430,000 (GST inclusive)
Collaborative Research Networks Mid Term Programme Evaluation	\$75,000 (GST inclusive)

Name of non-legislative inquiry, review, option paper, discussion paper or consultation	Direct costs associated with the non-legislative inquiry, review, option paper, discussion paper or consultation
Higher Education Infrastructure Working Group	\$331,393 (GST inclusive)
Review of Research Policy and Funding Arrangements (Watt Review) 2015	\$56,999.98 (GST inclusive)
New Research Block Grant Arrangements – Consultation Paper 2016	Prepared with internal resources