

**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. SQ16-000882**

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing

***OLT cuts***

**Question**

Given the Government's decision at the 2016-17 Budget to abolish the Office for Learning and Teaching, can the Department advise:

- (a) What will happen to staff members who were working in the office?
- (b) What was amount of all grants provided through the Office for the period 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16?

**Answer**

- (a) Staff were given the option of: relocating to Canberra with a position in the Department of Education and Training; remaining in Sydney and transferring to an APS position in the Department of Education and Training or another department; or taking a voluntary redundancy.
- (b) The amount of all grant payments made between 2013–14 and 2015–16 under the Promotion of Excellence in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education (PELTHE) program administered by the Office for Learning and Teaching (OLT) was \$41.9 million. The Australian Government will honour all existing funding commitments made through the OLT.