

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

Outcome 3 - Higher Education, Research & International

Department of Education Question No. ED0279_14

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question

Report of the review of the demand driven system of higher education

1. When was the report of the review of the demand driven system of higher education due?
2. When was the report provided to the Minister?
3. Will the report be made public?
4. When will the report be provided for consultation to the sector?
5. What is the Minister's timeframe for responding to the report?
6. Has the Department started to assist the Minister's office in responding to the report's recommendations?
7. How many days have the reviewers worked on the Report so far?
8. Of the five people that make up the secretariat to the review, what level are each of these people, and what percentage of their time is taken up with the review?

Answer

1. 14 February 2014.
2. 14 February 2014.
3. Yes, the report was made public on 13 April 2014.
4. The reviewers consulted with the sector prior to drafting the report. They received 84 submissions from a range of stakeholders and also held consultative meetings with some stakeholders in December 2013 and January 2014.
5. The Government responded to the recommendations of the Review of the Demand Driven System in the 2014-15 Budget.
6. Yes.
7. The Hon Dr David Kemp and Mr Andrew Norton worked on the review for a total of 20 days and 66 days respectively.
8. At the time of the February 2014 Senate Estimates only two staff were working on the Review. This was taking up approximately 80 per cent of the time of one EL1 and 10 per cent of the time of one EL2.