

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 3 - Higher Education

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Senator Nash asked on 1/06/2011, Hansard page 52.

Question

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Mr Griew: Up to \$70 million was allocated for the establishment of the VEN backbone, the broadband element, which is what is being overtaken, and in the order of \$10 million was allocated for the delivery of services over that network. So it has basically been overtaken by events before it— Senator NASH: Okay. Ms Paul: I think there has not been expenditure, but I would like to take that on notice and check it.

Answer

A total of \$378,172 was expended on specialist advice to support the development of the Vocational Education Broadband Network (VEN) initiative including the procurement process for the VEN backbone network.