

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015**

**Outcome: Cross Portfolio - Corporate**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000061**

**Senator Carr, Kim asked on 25 February 2015, Hansard page 33**

**Question**

***Contract numbers: CN2797872, CN2855672, & CN2835442***

Ms Paul: If it is PhillipsKPA, as you and I both know, it is probably to do with higher education. If we cannot rustle it up here, given that we do not want to waste any of your time, why don't we find out what it was by the time we get to outcome three?

Senator KIM CARR: It is for \$12,000. I am just wondering what the policy review is that this contractor is undertaking.

Ms Paul: I do not know off hand, I am sorry. But the higher ed folk can find out for us.

Senator KIM CARR: The next one is \$174,400 for the evaluation of the 2014 strategic priority projects. It was an open tender: RMIT; CN2835442. What is that for?

Ms Paul: I do not know.

Senator KIM CARR: It is an education executive—that is the division.

Ms Paul: Executive? That is me and my nearest and dearest colleagues, so I am not sure—

Senator KIM CARR: That is a perfectly legitimate cross-portfolio issue then.

Ms Paul: Quite right. But I think I am just going to have to take it on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: Is the finance officer here?

Ms Paul: Yes, but it is a long list. We may just not be able to get to it now. We will see if we can. What does work well, actually, if you want to think about—and I think I said this last time—you may want to give us some of these in advance. There are so many on AusTender at any given point in time. We have done that in the past.

Ms Monkley: I do not have details of that contract in front of me.

Senator KIM CARR: Do you want the number again?

Ms Monkley: If you can, please.

Senator KIM CARR: CN2835442.

Ms Monkley: As Ms Paul has indicated—

Ms Paul: Ms Monkley has a table that is very lengthy. I think we should probably take it on notice. I do not even know which program it is for—whether it is higher ed or schools, or something for the department itself.

Senator KIM CARR: This is for the education executive.

Ms Paul: That is just to me. It might even be for the department itself, but I do not know.

Senator KIM CARR: There is another one for the education executive: impact analysis report for the education services overseas; \$57,478; CN2797872. What is that one for?

Ms Paul: I do not know. But we would definitely be able to answer that in outcome three, because that, obviously, is international ed. I do not know what it was for.

Senator KIM CARR: It is education executive.

Ms Paul: Yes. I do not know why it is saying education executive. We will answer that, too. But it is clearly out of international ed by the title.

**Answer****CN2797872****Supplier:** Ernst and Young.

The purpose of the contract was to support the preparation of a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) for the ESOS Amendment Bill 2015, which is expected to be introduced to the Parliament in the winter sittings. Preparation of a RIS is a requirement for any proposed legislative changes.

**CN2855672****Supplier:** PhillipsKPA.

The purpose of the contract was to provide advice on the ongoing implementation of the higher education reforms.

**CN2835442****Supplier:** RMIT.

The purpose of the contract is to undertake an evaluation of ten projects commissioned by the Office for Learning and Teaching (OLT). A final report is due to the department in October 2016.