

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome: Cross Portfolio - Corporate**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000196**

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing

*Also refer to Question Nos: SQ15-000047 and SQ15-000048*

***Department's Functional Review***

**Question**

In relation to the Department's Functional review: Which entity will conduct the review? What are the terms of references of the review? When will the review commence and report back to Government? Which Department will have oversight of the review?

MYEFO states on p27 (see attachment)

**Answer**

Information on the framework and conduct of Functional and Efficiency Reviews, as tabled with the Committee on 25 February 2015, is provided on the Australian Government Department of Finance Website. The Fact Sheet "*Efficiency through Contestability Programme – Functional and Efficiency Reviews*" can be located at the following URL: <http://www.finance.gov.au/sites/default/files/fact-sheet-functional-and-efficiency-reviews.pdf>

The fact sheet details the role of the Department of Finance in leading the Government's broader Contestability Programme, of which Functional and Efficiency Reviews are a component and the governance arrangements.

The Terms of Reference underpinning the Functional and Efficiency Review of the Department of Education and Training, including the timing of Government consideration, is a matter for Government and not publicly available.

As detailed in Hansard (Page 24) from the Additional Estimates Hearing on 25 February 2015, Ms Jennifer Westacott is undertaking the review, supported by the NOUS Group.