

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. SQ16-000805

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

Joint Research Engagement Program

Question

With reference to the Joint Research Engagement Program please provide:

- (a) Copies of any evaluation reports or program analysis prepared by external advisers in the last five years;
- (b) Copies of any evaluation reports or program analysis prepared within the department in the last five years.

Answer

- a. The Review of Research Policy and Funding Arrangements (Watt Review) analysed all research block grants in 2015, including the Joint Research Engagement Program. The review report is available on the departmental website at www.docs.education.gov.au/node/38976.
- b. The Joint Research Engagement – Engineering Cadetships sub-program was implemented in 2012 to improve access to industry experience for higher degree by research students studying engineering related subjects. The sub-program was subject to an internal post-implementation review in 2014, which included surveys of students, employer representatives and employees of universities. Names of employers and comments which may identify an individual have been removed to protect their privacy. The report is included at **Attachment A**.