

**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. SQ16-000891**

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing.

***International posts***

**Question**

How many Australian-based staff is posted by the Department overseas?  
What changes have been made to these postings, in terms of number of people and locations, in the past twelve months?

**Answer**

There are currently nine Australia-based education counsellors posted in Australian overseas diplomatic missions.

There were previously ten Australia-based education counsellors posted overseas by the department. However, with the death of the Seoul counsellor, the South Korea post is currently vacant and this work is being managed by the Australia-based counsellor posted to Tokyo, Japan, supported by locally-engaged Seoul post staff. No other changes have been made to the numbers of staff and locations in the past twelve months.