

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Humphries provided in writing.

Question

Analytical resources

Does your department/agency have enough analytical resources at its disposal? For example, the Government has cut funding to the ABS – are you provided with enough data collection for evidence-based policy making and evaluation?

Answer

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations has dedicated analytical resources in its Research, Analysis and Evaluation Group (RAEG). RAEG includes specialist survey and data collection capabilities, and works with administrative and survey data both internally and externally sourced. It provides both specialist and generalist support services to the Department and works in partnership with other agencies such as the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). The Department also maintains data analytical capabilities in its policy and program areas for particular purposes and commissions analytical work from external bodies or experts when needed.