

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 3 - Higher Education, Research and International

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Senator Carr provided in writing.**

Question

National Advisory Group on Higher Education Data and Information (NAGHEDI)

a. Can you please explain to me the role of NAGHEDI? b. Can you describe how it operates, including any secretariat support provided by the Department? c. Have there been any changes made to the secretariat support for NAGHEDI recently, in terms of numbers of staff? d. Can you provide a list of the current membership? e. When did NAGHEDI last meet, and when is its next scheduled meeting? f. How is NAGHEDI's schedule of work determined? Does the Minister task NAGHEDI directly? g. Has NAGHEDI received any directions from the Minister or the executive or had any discussions with the Minister's office or executive about expanding its role? h. How has NAGHEDI's work schedule changed as a result of the Review of Higher Education Regulation Report?

Answer

- a) The National Advisory Group on Higher Education Data and Information (NAGHEDI) provides advice to the department on the development of the National Higher Education Statistics Collection and other matters pertaining to the collection and dissemination of higher education data.
- b) The Minister approves Terms of Reference and membership of NAGHEDI. Secretariat support to NAGHEDI is provided by the Higher Education and Research Group within the Department of Education.
- c) Secretariat support for NAGHEDI is part of the department's broader activities on collection, reporting and analysis of higher education student statistics. There is no specific allocation of resources to NAGHEDI.

d)

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- e) The latest meeting of NAGHEDI was held on 20 September 2013. No date has been set for the next scheduled meeting of NAGHEDI.
- f) The Department of Education, in consultation with NAGHEDI members, advises agenda items for scheduled meetings of NAGHEDI.
- g) and h) The Minister for Education's direction of 22 October 2013 under subsection 155(1) of the TEQSA Act provides that 'the Chief Executive Officer should consult broadly across the higher education sector and its constituent parts in the formulation of strategies and implementation plans and in their execution, and must at least seek the advice of: i) the National Advisory Group for Higher Education Data and Information (NAGHEDI), (on which TEQSA is represented) regarding its policies and approaches for Provider Information Requests and any sector-wide data collection and/or survey activities.'