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**Question**

**AsiaBound International Exchange Program - evaluation**

**CHAIR:** If you are just checking through what is on the agenda, Senator Carr, we might just let the other questions on international education proceed, and then you can check where your science questions go. I have a question on the AsiaBound international exchange programs—on all the suite of opportunities available to domestic students to participate in education overseas. Has any evaluation of those programs been done?

**Ms Baly:** The first year of AsiaBound was last year, so it is too soon to do an evaluation of that. There has been a relatively small number of students who have gone out on the program to date.

**CHAIR:** And the other programs that were mentioned when we were talking—the International Exchange Program?

**Ms Baly:** These are programs that have been going for some time, mostly since about 2003.

**CHAIR:** I am assuming they get evaluated.

**Ms Baly:** In the normal course of events programs get evaluated about every four years. I would have to take on notice when those programs were last evaluated. We can certainly get back to you on that.

**Answer**

An external evaluation of the suite of mobility programmes has not been undertaken but programmes have been regularly reviewed internally. There is an internal review of the application process following each round and the programme objectives assessed against KPIs.

Commencing this current application round (2014), the completion of an evaluation report has been included as a requirement across all mobility programmes.