

Question on notice no. 1

Portfolio question number: ASQ26-0001

2025-26 Additional estimates

Education and Employment Committee, Education Portfolio

Senator Lidia Thorpe: asked the Australian National University on 11 February 2026—

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Answer —

Please see the attached PDF.

Standing Committees on Education and Employment

RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Commonwealth Ombudsman

Asked by Senator Thorpe

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Answer:

ANU records show additional information was requested four (4) times on the following dates:

- 2 April 2020
- 21 April 2020
- 21 May 2020
- 14 August 2020.