

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
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Department/Agency: PC
Question: AET 2786-2792
Topic: Self Initiated work
Reference: written - 19 February 2016
Senator: Ludwig, Joe & Wong, Penny

Question:

2786. Does the department have a program for staff to engage in self-initiated work (projects, plans etc that are devised by staff without being directed by the minister's office or department management)?

2787. Please list all ongoing projects. For each, please detail:

2788. When did the project commence?

2789. When is it expected to conclude?

2790. What will the total cost of the project be?

2791. Where did the money for the project come from?

2792. Where is the project based?

Answer:

As at 19 February 2016:

2786. One of the Commission's functions, specified in the *Productivity Commission Act 1998*, is to undertake research on issues relating to industry, industry development and productivity. This research supports and complements the Commission's core functions of conducting public inquiries and studies commissioned by the Government. This research is overseen by the Commission's research committee.

2787- 2789. The Commission has recently commenced two new major research projects: Indigenous Primary School Education Outcomes: Key contributors (expected completion May 2016); and Disruptive Technologies: What do governments need to do? (expected completion May 2016). Full details on these projects are available at <http://www.pc.gov.au/research>.

2789. Full details on review costs are reported in the Commission's Annual Report each year.

2790. The Commission receives a single budget appropriation annually, from which it meets the costs of its work.

2791. Staff from each of the Commission's offices (Canberra and Melbourne) contribute to these projects. Full details on these projects are available at <http://www.pc.gov.au/research>