

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** Questacon

**TOPIC:** Questacon Smart Skills National Technology Learning Programs

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard, 2 June 2014, page 114)

**QUESTION No.:** BI-50

**Prof. Durant:** The \$9.1 million splits up between the technology learning program, a program to promote equity of access to Questacon resources across Australia and with some disadvantaged communities, and a component to establish a Questacon foundation.

**Senator KIM CARR:** This foundation is a bequest, is it?

**Prof. Durant:** Yes. We want to give people the opportunity to contribute to the long-term aims of Questacon.

**Senator KIM CARR:** How much is involved with the setting-up of a bequest?

**Prof. Durant:** Senator, I will get you the figure.

**Senator KIM CARR:** Of the \$9.1 million, how much is that?

**Prof. Durant:** I think it is about \$140k a year. It is a modest amount and it is not flatlined; it peaks early on to get the foundation up and running.

**Senator KIM CARR:** Can you give me a breakdown of that \$9.1 million in detail, please? Take it on notice.

**Prof. Durant:** Yes, I can do that.

**ANSWER**

<b>Programme</b>	<b>Amount over four years</b>	<b>Details</b>
<i>Questacon Smart Skills</i>	\$6.8million	To develop and deliver national initiatives in technology learning that provide skills and knowledge necessary for industries of the future.
<i>Questacon Equity of Access</i>	\$1.1million	To support Questacon activities for regional, disadvantaged and minority groups.
Questacon Foundation	\$1.2million	To establish and manage the Questacon Foundation.

Further information on the *Science for Australia's Future* budget is available online in the Budget Paper No2: Budget Measures [www.budget.gov.au/2014-15/content/bp2/html/bp2\\_expense-17.htm](http://www.budget.gov.au/2014-15/content/bp2/html/bp2_expense-17.htm).