

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015**

**Outcome: Higher Education Research and International**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000144**

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

*Previous Question No. ED0410\_15 and ED0696\_15*

***Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme***

**Question**

"The department has provided several answers to Questions on Notice about the proposed Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme. Timing and consultation.

(a) The department says (ED410\_15) that a final set of guidelines for the scheme will be released by June 2015. You say (ED696\_15) that the consultation process will precede the release of the draft – can you confirm that?

(b) Who will be consulted?

(c) Will NUS and CAPA be consulted?

(d) Will the NTEU be consulted?"

**Answer**

a) Stakeholder consultation will precede the release of the final set of guidelines for the Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme (the scheme). The timing is contingent on the passage of the Higher Education and Research Reform Bill 2014.

b) All interested stakeholders will have the opportunity to comment on the draft guidelines for the scheme including but not limited to, the National Union of Students, the Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations, and the National Tertiary Education Union.

c) See answer at b) above.

d) See answer at b) above.