

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. SQ15-000231

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

The Research Investment Adjustment Scheme

Question

"The Research Investment Adjustment Scheme appears in the funding table on page 43 of the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statement 2014 15, as an additional item that was not included in the Portfolio Budget Statement 2014 15.

- a) Please provide details of the purpose and operation of the Research Investment Adjustment Scheme.
- b) Is this an ongoing scheme? If not, what year does it terminate?
- c) What are the deliverables and key performance indicators for the scheme? "

Answer

The Research Investment Adjustment Scheme is a component of the new Higher Education - Structural Adjustment Fund (SAF) which will assist universities, particularly those in regional areas, to transition to the new deregulated environment. The SAF is pending the passage of the *Higher Education and Research Reform Bill 2014*.

The SAF is a non-ongoing program terminating in 2017-18.

The deliverables and key performance indicators of the Research Investment Adjustment Scheme are in the process of being established.