

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Higher Education Research and International**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000006**

Senator Simms, Robert provided in writing

***University - casualisation of staff***

**Question**

Does the department agree that due to a reduction in job security it is probably that retaining world class researchers will become more difficult?

If answered NO to previous question:

An annual survey completed by the NUS has shown that students are concerned about the increased reliance on casual employees. Given this fact wouldn't it be appropriate for the Department to investigate the impact that an increasingly casualised workforce will have on staff and students?

**Answer**

The department does not agree there has been a significant reduction in job security and does not consider specific investigation on the issue is warranted.