

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
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**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000029**

Senator Lambie, Jacqui provided in writing.

***University of Tasmania - infrastructure funding for the Inveresk and Cradle Coast projects***

**Question**

Can you please provide information on any discussions that have taken place with the University of Tasmania regarding infrastructure funding for the Inveresk and Cradle Coast projects in Tasmania providing relevant details of these discussions?

**Answer**

The University of Tasmania (UTAS) initially approached the Government in September 2014 with a proposal, including plans to develop a campus at Inveresk, and to expand the West Park site near the Cradle Coast campus.

Since then there have been numerous formal and informal meetings between UTAS and the department, the former Minister for Education, the Hon Christopher Pyne MP, and the current Minister for Education and Training, Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham. A number of issues were discussed during the course of these meetings, including the Inveresk and Cradle Coast projects.

The Joint Commonwealth and Tasmania Economic Council (JCTEC) discussed the proposal as part of a broader paper on Regional Education Provision in Tasmania at its meeting of 7 August 2015.