

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome: Agency: ACARA**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000393**

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

***ACARA: Existing Resources Program***

**Question**

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. How many projects, work, programs or other tasks has the department started as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'?
2. List each
3. List the staffing assigned to each task
4. What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project?
5. What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project?

**Answer**

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has provided the following response.

1. ACARA is directed by the Education Council and has a budget agreed by Education Council. The Australian Government Minister for Education and Training is a member of the Education Council, thus the Australian Government has a key role in influencing ACARA's directions. However, the Government does not direct ACARA to undertake work.
2. Nil
3. Nil
4. Nil
5. Nil