

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome: Skills and Training**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000618**

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

***Sufficient capacity to deliver VET policy advice to government***

**Question**

The department has lost a significant number of senior staff with strong VET experience over the past 12 months with the closure of the Skills Commission, the NSSC and the departure of the Division head responsible for VET. In addition, a large number of staff have been made redundant from the former ISCs. What steps has the Department taken to ensure it has sufficient capacity to deliver VET policy advice to government?

**Answer**

Staff in the Department of Education and Training are deployed as necessary across all programmes, in response to workloads and priorities and always have opportunities to expand on internal knowledge and expertise.