

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

**Outcome: Higher Education Research and International**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000226**

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

*Also refer to previous hearing Question No. SQ16-000411*

***Redesign of the Promotion of Excellence in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education programme?***

**Question**

What progress has been made in implementing the Government's 2015-16 budget measure, Smaller Government — Education and Training Portfolio, in particular the redesign of the Promotion of Excellence in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education programme?

**Answer**

The 2015–16 budget measure proposed the establishment of a new learning and teaching institute to replace the Office for Learning and Teaching, which was to close from 30 June 2016.

A subsequent measure in the 2016–17 budget decided that \$18.3 million over four years of Promotion of Excellence in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education program funding was to be redirected to quality and transparency measures. As a result the establishment of a new learning and teaching institute did not proceed. The Office for Learning and Teaching closed as planned on 30 June 2016.