

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Cross Portfolio

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000255

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing.

Annual Report

Question

Noting the Secretary's letter in the front of the 2015-16 annual report being dated 6 October 2016 and the Annual Report was not tabled by the last Estimates on 20 October 2016 - why the delay in producing this document?

What assurances and/or processes are you putting in place to avoid these delays in the future?

Answer

Following the Secretary's sign-off of the Department of Education and Trainings 2015–16 Annual Report on 6 October 2016, the document was prepared for printing. A copy of the 2015–16 Annual Report was provided to the Minister by 15 October 2016, in accordance with section 46 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*.

The Annual Report was tabled in Parliament on 26 October 2016, in line with guidance from the Department of Finance (*Resource Management Guide No. 135—Annual reports for non-corporate Commonwealth entities*), and from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (*Tabling Circular No.2/2016*), to table annual reports on or before 31 October.

The department will continue to facilitate tabling of its annual report in accordance with relevant guidance from the Department of Finance and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.