

**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. SQ17-000319**

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing

***International Education – Council***

**Question**

How many times has the Council for International Education met?  
Can the Department provide an update on the progress the Government has made in relation to the International Education Strategy?  
How many times has the Minister met with the Council for International Education?  
What reports has the Council provided to Government?  
What risks has the Council identified in relation to Australia's international education system?

**Answer**

The Council for International Education (the Council) has met three times.

Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham, Minister for Education and Training, has met with the Council twice.

The Council has not yet provided any reports to Government. Consistent with its Terms of Reference, the Council will report to the Prime Minister on progress by the end of 2017.

Council expert members have agreed four priority themes to guide implementation of the *National Strategy for International Education 2025* (the National Strategy) in the short and medium term:

- Developing a nationally-consistent approach to marketing and branding of international education;
- Enhancing international cooperation through in-country projects, research collaboration, two-way mobility and transnational education;
- Providing the best possible student experience, including developing employability skills and regional engagement; and
- Communicating the benefits of international education to the Australian community.