

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Outcome 3 - Higher Education, Research & International

Department of Education Question No. ED0064_15

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question

Quality Initiatives

You have announced that funding for Quality Initiatives will be drastically cut by 2017-18 down to \$503,000 from \$28,668,000 in 2013-14. Why has this cut been made? What is the policy justification for it? What will replace this funding? Where will the funds come from?

Answer

The majority of Quality Initiatives funding was for Performance Target Reward Funding. From 2014 universities will no longer receive Reward Funding (see response to PQ14-000067).

The Australian Mathematical Science Institute (AMSI) Summer Schools program remains unchanged with funding of \$1.9 million over the forward estimates, including \$0.5 million in 2017-18.