Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

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Outcome 3 - Higher Education, Research & International

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question

HE Reform Taskforce

"In relation to HE Reform Taskforce, please: (a) List the number of staff in both head count and FTE in this section (b) Outline the activities and program this section is responsible for, including grants and budget measures (c) Provide Departmental and Administered expenses for this section (d) Provide an updated organisation structure for this section".

Answer

- (a) As at 30 June 2014, the Higher Education Reform Taskforce's head count was 11 with an FTE of 10.
- (b) The Higher Education Reform Taskforce is responsible for tasks relating to the implementation of the higher education Budget measures. These include:
 - coordination of higher education reform policy
 - monitoring and guiding of implementation
 - consultation, communication and stakeholder management
- (c) The Taskforce's departmental budget from 14 May 2014 (when the taskforce was established) to 30 June 2014 was \$315,000. No administered expenses.
- (d) The organisation structure for the Taskforce is as follows:

HIGHER EDUCATION REFORM TASKFORCE	
IMPLEMENTATION & STAKEHOLDER ENGA BRANCH	GEMENT
Strategic Engagement	
Stakeholder Engagement	
Implementation	