

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000284

Senator O'Neill, Deborah asked on 04 June 2015, Proof Hansard page 41

Dissolution of Indigenous higher education advisory council

Question

Senator O'NEILL: Have you had any negative feedback about the dissolution of this important council that has only been operating for 2½ years?

Mr Griew: I have not personally had any negative feedback about it.

Senator O'NEILL: Has the department received any communication?

Mr Griew: I would have to take that on notice.

Answer

The department has received three pieces of correspondence:

- On 12 May 2015, the department received a copy of a letter sent to Minister Pyne from an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Higher Education Advisory Council (ATSIHEAC) member thanking the Minister for his letter of 10 May 2015 and welcoming the opportunity to collaborate in the future.
- On 15 May 2015, the department received emails from an Indigenous research institute and from an individual.