

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000287

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

Establishment of a new Central Coast university

Question

Senator O'NEILL: Has the department been briefed on a proposal to establish a new Central Coast university with three campuses and 15,000 students?

Mr Griew: I am sorry, the answer to that question is that we answered that question yesterday—no. I have not heard about the other one either.

Senator O'NEILL: Has the department—you have not been approached, so you have had no discussions about this with regard to a Central Coast university stand-alone?

Mr Griew: No, but I will take it on notice. If it comes to light that somebody in my area has been approached then we will tell you on notice.

Answer

On 16 June 2016, officers from the department met with Mr Michael Whittaker, General Manager, Wyong Shire Council, regarding the Council's interest in establishing an Integrated University and Education Business Park on the Central Coast.