

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Senator Carr, Kim asked on 03 June 2015, Proof Hansard page 84

Did Dr Lomborg approach UWA

Question

Senator KIM CARR: So he approached UWA?

Mr Griew: What I can tell you is that our secretary met on 20 August with the vice chancellor of UWA about other things. There was a Universities Australia meeting in Perth at that time and she made a number of visits to vice chancellors over there. The possibility of UWA hosting the Consensus Centre arose in that meeting. He expressed some interest. I remember that, because she rang me and told me that. We actually are not clear whether Dr Lomborg had already approached Professor Johnson or whether he was just interested.

Senator KIM CARR: You do not know who raised the matter, then?

Mr Griew: Look, I do not. I would have to take that on notice

Answer

On 13 August 2014, Dr Lomborg advised the then Department of Education that he had held discussions with various Vice Chancellors, including Professor Paul Johnson from the University of Western Australia, on the potential for collaboration to establish a consensus centre in Australia.