

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. SQ15-000334

Senator Carr, Kim asked on 03 June 2015, Proof Hansard page 86

Announcement to pay UWA

Question

Senator KIM CARR: When did the department announce that payment of \$4 million to UWA?

Mr Griew: UWA announced the establishment of the centre.

Senator KIM CARR: Yes. On 2 April. But there was no mention of the money in that statement.

Mr Griew: I do not have on this list here a specific announcement from government, so I will take that on notice.

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Mr Griew: What I am taking on notice is exactly when a public statement was made by the Commonwealth.

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Senator KIM CARR: But the contract explicitly stated the value of \$4 million. Is that correct?

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

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Mr Griew: We are taking on notice the release of the funding agreement, it being a funding agreement between us and a third party.

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Mr Griew: We will take that on notice to clear it up. But the MOU is very clear about the three components of their budget. The funding agreement with us specifies our financial contribution and the responsibilities of UWA to host it. Whether the contract puts a sum on the value of that or not we will have to take on notice.

Answer

On 14 April 2015 the Department of Education and Training reported the \$4.4 million (GST inclusive) grant to the University of Western Australia (UWA) for the Australia Consensus on its website at <http://education.gov.au/grants>.

The grant agreement between the Department of Education and Training and UWA acknowledges that the Australia Consensus Centre will draw on in-kind resources from the partners (UWA and the Copenhagen Consensus Center) and other external funding. The grant agreement does **not** specify the value of external funding.

The "Grant Agreement for the Australia Consensus between the Commonwealth of Australia, represented by the Department of Education and Training, and the University of Western Australia" was published online on 26 June 2015 at: <http://docs.education.gov.au/disclosure-log>.

Please also refer to Question No. SQ15-000333.