

**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. SQ15-000375**

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing

***Australian Maths and Science Partnerships Programme***

**Question**

Why is the number of maths and science projects supported by the Australian Maths and Science Partnerships Programme set to fall from 11 to zero over the forward estimates? Student participation will fall from 313 this year to none.

**Answer**

As shown in the Portfolio Budget Statements 2015-16 (page 47 footnotes 18 and 19) AMSPP programme funding ends in 2016. Project duration varies from one to three years meaning fewer projects are supported in 2015-16. As the current project finishes in early 2016 there are no projections for student numbers beyond 2015-16.