

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Schools and Youth

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Senator O'Neill, Deborah asked on 04 June 2015, Proof Hansard page 157

Correspondence relating to the Australian Clearinghouse for Youth Studies

Question

Senator O'NEILL: Have you had any correspondence where there was the articulation of a question about why funding was cut?

Senator Ryan: Off the top of my head, I cannot answer that. I may have. If I was asked why funding was removed, then it is not the only issue that I have had to answer queries on about that—here and in some other areas of my portfolio.

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Senator O'NEILL: There will not be any extra after you guys have doubled the deficit. Could you provide a copy of any correspondence in which you have replied to complaints, distress or disappointments?

Senator Ryan: I will take that on notice, but I am not going to guarantee that I will provide correspondence that I write, sometimes, in a private capacity.

Answer

As at 4 June 2015, three pieces of correspondence related to the Australian Clearinghouse for Youth Studies had been received by the office of Senator the Hon Scott Ryan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Training, but had not been responded to at that time.