

**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. SQ15-000472**

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing

*Also refer to previous Question No. SQ15-000095*

***Higher education in northern Tasmania***

**Question**

In regards to higher education in northern Tasmania:

- (a) Are you aware that the University of Tasmania has decided to move its northern campus – in Newnham – to Inveresk?
- (b) Has the Tasmanian Government approached you with a request for funding for this move? How have you responded? In what way?
- (c) The Tasmanian Government has said that the cost of this move will be \$190 million. Have you considered what the Commonwealth contribution might be?
- (d) Has the University or the Tasmanian Government consulted you about its plan to move the campus? How have you advised Tasmania on this? What is the department's view about this?
- (e) The University has said that it intends to offer an expanded range of associate degrees at the new campus. Has it discussed this with the Department? How will these offerings be funded? If the Government's deregulation package fails to pass the Senate, will these offerings be funded?

**Answer**

- (a) Yes.
- (b) The Tasmanian Government has not approached the department for funding.
- (c) The Tasmanian Government has not approached the department for funding.
- (d) Yes – the University of Tasmania has discussed the proposal with the department. The department has not provided advice to the University of Tasmania on the proposal.
- (e) Yes – the department has discussed this matter with the University of Tasmania. Their capacity to increase the number of places would be subject to passage of the higher education reforms, which would remove the caps on funded diploma, advanced diploma and associate degree places. Without the reforms, access to these courses will continue to be limited to the number of places allocated to them by the Government.