

**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. SQ15-000484**

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

***Non-metropolitan applicants***

**Question**

Can you confirm that offers to non-metropolitan applicants fell more sharply than those to metropolitan applicants?

Were non-metropolitan applicants more likely overall to receive an offer than their city cousins? Does this indicate the key role played by regional providers?

**Answer**

1. Offers to metropolitan and non-metropolitan applicants changed in line with the stable trend in applications over recent years.
2. Applications from non-metropolitan applicants were more likely to result in an offer compared with applications from metropolitan applicants, 86.5 per cent compared with 83.6 per cent respectively.
3. Regional providers play an important role.