

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. SQ15-000547

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

International Education Support

Question

Your budget this year, according to the PBS, International Education Support is down by more than \$10m. Can you tell why that is?

Answer

The reduction largely reflects the Australian Government's decision to reallocate \$8.2 million per year from undergraduate mobility programmes to the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade for the New Colombo Plan from 2015–16 onwards.

It also reflects the decision to terminate the Regional Links Programme, Increased Profile of Australian International Education Sector (IPAIES) Programme and the Professional Services Development Programme from 2015–16 onwards.