

**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. SQ15-000552**

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

***Evaluation of the 2014 mobility programs***

**Question**

Was an evaluation of the 2014 mobility programs completed? What about the 2015 round? Can you provide a summary of what the evaluation reports found?

**Answer**

No, an evaluation of the 2014 mobility programmes was not completed. However, an evaluation of the New Colombo Plan pilot programme processes commenced in 2014. Stage one of the evaluation recommended amendments to programme design elements, such as guidelines and selection criteria, to encourage higher levels of participation from universities. This has provided a useful comparison point for the department's student mobility programmes.

The 2015 round of mobility programmes is still ongoing and no evaluation has been undertaken at this time.