

**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. SQ15-000556**

Senator Carr provided in writing

***NATSIHEC***

**Question**

Given the cessation of ATSIHEAC at the end of 2014-15, is there an expectation that NATSIHEC will undertake an expanded role in providing policy advice to the Minister or Department? If so, will any funding be available to support this role, and how much?

**Answer**

After 30 June 2015, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Higher Education Advisory Council (NATSIHEC) will be the key mechanism for engagement with Indigenous academic leaders on issues regarding Indigenous higher education.