

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. SQ15-000563

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

Budget for the Collaborative Research Networks program

Question

Why has the Budget for the Collaborative Research Networks program in 2015-16 fallen from \$20.7 million in the 2014-15 PBS to \$9.3 million in the 2015-16 PBS? What happened to this money?

Answer

In the 2015-16 Budget, uncommitted funds of \$11.4 million were identified as a saving.

\$9.3 million will be paid in 2015-16 to CRN projects under commitments made in the 2011 and 2012 funding rounds.