

## 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. SQ15-000568**

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing

#### ***Research Infrastructure Review***

#### **Question**

In relation to the Research Infrastructure Review:

- a) What has the review cost in total?
- b) Please provide a breakdown of costs associated with the review by contract, staffing costs, travel costs and any other components of the total cost?
- c) Why was the review not completed by the end of May 2015?
- d) When is the review now expected to be completed?
- e) How many stakeholders were consulted as part of the review process? Please provide a breakdown between state governments, universities, publicly funded research agencies and research infrastructure providers.

#### **Answer**

(a) and (b) Total costs for the review as at 30 May 2015 are outlined in the following table.

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Consultancy	134,002
Review members (5)* - travel and accommodation	55,277
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>189,279</b>

*\*There are six members of the Review, including the Commonwealth Chief Scientist, who is appointed in an ex-officio basis.*

(c) The Review has been extended at the request of the Chairman to allow time for additional consultations and to finalise the report.

(d) The Review is expected to be completed by the end of July 2015.

(e) Stakeholders from 85 organisations were consulted: 20 universities, 12 Commonwealth departments and agencies, 35 research infrastructure providers, three publicly funded research agencies, nine other bodies, and the NSW, South Australian, Victorian, Queensland, Tasmanian and Western Australian state governments.