

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. SQ15-000571

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

Higher Education Infrastructure Working Group

Question

"In relation to the Higher Education Infrastructure Working Group:

- 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) When is the review now expected to be completed?
- d) Has the deadline for completion of the review been extended? If so, why?
- e) How many stakeholders were consulted as part of the review process? Please provide a breakdown between state governments, other Commonwealth agencies, universities, publicly funded research agencies and research infrastructure providers.

Answer

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

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Consultants fees	200,505
Travel costs	13,725
TOTAL	\$214,230

(c) The Working Group will report to the Minister for Education and Training in August 2015.

(d) The deadline for the review has not been extended.

(e) Stakeholders from 38 organisations were consulted: 27 universities; eight capital markets organisations; and three experts in the field of philanthropy and fundraising.