

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

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Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000615

Senator Carr, Kim asked on 03 June 2015, Proof Hansard page 96

MacTiernan's FOI request

Question

Senator KIM CARR: Well, since you know so much about it, you can tell me why the minister has sent a letter to the member for Perth now citing 148 documents as being in the file ... The minister's letter to the member for Perth with regard to her FOI request cites 148 documents.

Senator Birmingham: I will take it on notice.

Answer

The Honourable Christopher Pyne MP, Minister for Education and Training, received a request for documents under the *Freedom of Information Act* (FOI Act) from Ms Alannah MacTiernan MP on 15 May 2015.

On 3 June 2015, the Minister's Office wrote to Ms MacTiernan notifying her that the Minister's Office had identified documents consisting of 145 pages within the scope of the request and explaining the estimated charge associated with processing the request.

This is a separate request to that received by the Department of Education and Training from Ms MacTiernan on 14 May 2015.

The Minister's Office and the Department of Education and Training are separate entities for the purposes of the FOI Act, and as such they may receive separate FOI requests, and provide separate responses.