

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Senator Carr, Kim asked on 03 June 2015, Proof Hansard page 20

Information dashboard

Question

Senator KIM CARR: ... I just wanted to know what an information dashboard is.

Senator Birmingham: Well, I will take it on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: You do not know?

Senator Birmingham: You just dared me, essentially—I will take it on notice.

Answer

This question was answered by Mr Robert Griew, Proof Hansard page 98 extracted below.

Senator KIM CARR: We touched earlier this morning on the question of the boosting of commercial returns for research. You indicated that the action plan talks about developing a simpler, more transparent block grants system. You spoke, also, of an 'information dashboard'. What is an information dashboard?

Mr Griew: I used a colloquial term to elaborate on a longish dot point that I was reading to you. It is not meant to be a technical term. The point of the exercise is to equip government with an easily accessible, comprehensive but coherent and not too complicated set of metrics to provide for an easier assessment of progress on key parameters for boosting the commercial returns from research.