

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Appointment of Dr Jennifer Buckingham

Question

Senator WRIGHT: I will ask the minister this. One of the recent appointments was Dr Jennifer Buckingham from the Centre for Independent Studies. What does she offer to the board in terms of what is required?

Senator Ryan: I could speak at length about this. I know Jennifer. Jennifer was one of the people I contacted after I was appointed. Jennifer completed a doctorate in the last couple of years that focused on the teaching of reading to young children. She is a particularly well-known researcher who has written a great deal. That is my personal knowledge of Jennifer. As to the Minister's knowledge and consideration, I can take that on notice.

Answer

Dr Jennifer Buckingham was appointed to the Board for her expertise in public policy and research.