

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Cross Portfolio

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000760

Senator Lines, Sue asked on 06 May 2016, Proof Hansard page 100

RFQ decision

Question

Senator LINES: So you were working on the implementation date right up until when you saw it in the budget papers?

Senator Birmingham: I am sure up until the decision was taken by government. We are not going to go around a backdoor means for you to find out at what point the Expenditure Review Committee decision was taken by the cabinet.

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Senator KIM CARR: Cabinet made a decision and surely you can advise the committee the date on which cabinet made a decision.

Senator Birmingham: I will happily take it on notice and see if there is any precedent for disclosing when cabinet decisions about the budget are made. I certainly cannot think of one, not sure if you can.

Answer

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has advised that it is not appropriate for the dates or details of any Cabinet consideration to be disclosed.