

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Cross Portfolio

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000764

Senator Carr, Kim asked on 06 May 2016, Proof Hansard page 106

Announcement of new expenditure during caretaker

Question

Senator KIM CARR: Do the caretaker conventions go to the question of contracts, or do they go to the question of just announcements?

Dr Bruniges: No, they go to the question—a new contract cannot be signed during caretaker period.

Senator KIM CARR: But you can announce new expenditure? Can you announce new expenditure?

Dr Bruniges: I would have to take that on notice.

Answer

Yes. See Section 2.2 of the Guidance on Caretaker Conventions available at <https://www.dpmc.gov.au/sites/default/files/publications/guidance-caretaker-conventions-2016.docx> .