

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

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Question

Details of changes to NEIS funding

Senator CAMERON: Can you then provide me with all details—all internal correspondence, file notes and memorandums—in relation to that 2014-15 budget cut so that I can understand why we were cutting it in '14-15 and why we are increasing it now.

Ms Leon: I have just answered that question.

Senator CAMERON: Not to my satisfaction.

Ms Leon: To the extent that the questions you ask—

Senator CAMERON: Yes—'to the extent'.

Ms Leon: are cabinet-in-confidence because they were budget decisions, obviously there will be limitations on what we can provide.

Senator CAMERON: Well, within those limitations.

Answer

All documentation related to the development of the 2014–15 Budget measure, including internal documentation and advice to the former Assistant Minister for Employment, was prepared on a cabinet-in-confidence basis and is not appropriate for public release.