

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
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**Outcome: Higher Education Research and International**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000605**

Senator Carr, Kim asked on 31 May 2017, Proof Hansard page 87

***High-performance computing***

**Question**

Senator KIM CARR: What is his knowledge in high-performance computing?

Ms Hart: I would need to take that on notice—I do not know specifically what his knowledge is in that area.

Senator KIM CARR: Has he completed the review?

Ms Hart: No, he is in the final stages of completing the review.

Senator KIM CARR: Can you provide the terms of reference for the review?

Ms Hart: Yes, we can take that on notice.

**Answer**

Mr Cook was a Deputy Secretary in the Australian Government Department of Education Employment and Workplace Relations and has held Senior positions at the Department of Education, Science and Training, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and Department of Industry, Science and Resources. Mr Cook has oversight of the development of the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy including the original establishment of Australia's national high performance computing facility.

Mr Cook has conducted and overseen numerous reviews of large agencies and programs, including the multi-agency eReef Initiative (including BoM, CSIRO, Queensland and Australian Government departments, Great Barrier Reef Foundation). He was a member of the Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) Committee, responsible for refinements to the CRC program focusing on governance and industry participation. Other relevant experience includes membership of a ministerial-established review of Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) radiopharmaceuticals, membership of the Defence Science and Technology Probity Board and Foundation Chairman of the National Establishing Technologies Strategy Advisory Council.

A copy of the Terms of Reference for the review is attached.