

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018**

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000725

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

Also refer to previous hearing Question No. SQ17-000198.

International research engagement

Question

Is the Department participating in any government process aimed at boosting international research engagement?

- If so, please provide details of any such process(es)?
- What is the Department's role?
- Which other Commonwealth agencies are involved?
- Has there been, or is there intended to be, any external consultation?
If so, who will be consulted and what form will that consultation take?
- What is the timeline for completing the process(es)?

Answer

See answer to SQ17-000198 (March 2017 Additional Estimates).

The Australian International Education: Enabling Growth and Innovation (EGI) program was established in 2016 to support the implementation of the National Strategy for International Education 2025. Through the 2016–17 funding round, \$350,000 has been provided to the Australian Academy of Science to facilitate research internships for postgraduate research scholars from the United States and Latin America in the fields of education and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

The Department of Education and Training will continue to consult with the Council for International Education regarding priorities for the EGI program.