

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000826

Senator Collins, Jacinta, provided in writing

Life Education Australia - Healthy Harold

Questions

1. Has a contract been signed with Life Education to ensure the work of Healthy Harold continues in 2017-18?
 - What date was this contract signed?
 - How much funding is being provided to Healthy Harold and over what time period?
2. What program or line item was Healthy Harold funded through in 2016-17, and how much funding was provided in that year?
3. What program will Healthy Harold now be funded through?
4. How was the impending expiry of funding for Healthy Harold at the end of 2016-17 missed by the Department of Education and Training?
5. What review of the efficacy of Healthy Harold has been undertaken by the Department?
6. Was the Minister or his Office previously advised by the Department about the impending expiry of Life Education/Healthy Harold funding?

Answer

1. Yes, the Department of Education and Training has in place a new funding agreement with Life Education Australia (LEA) for 2017–18 to 2021–22, signed on 1 August 2017. Since 2002–03 the department has provided LEA with total funding of \$3,509,495 (GST inclusive).
2. In 2016–17 the department provided \$110,000 (GST inclusive) in operational funding for LEA through the Quality Outcomes Program.
3. Funding will be sourced from general departmental funds.
4. The department was aware the existing funding agreement with LEA was ceasing but not that LEA had submitted a funding proposal to the Department of Health in the 2017–18 Budget context.
5. None by the department.
6. No.