

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Department of Education Question No. ED0538_15

Senator O'Neill provided in writing.

Question

Students First Website

- 1) In relation to the Students First website:
 - a) What was the development cost for the Students First website? How many people are employed or engaged in its upkeep?
 - b) Was it set up at Ministerial direction?
 - c) How many hits has the website received?
- 2) Does it meet the required guidelines for the accessibility – for people with disability – of Government websites?

Answer

- 1) In relation to the Students First website:
 - a) There was no development cost for the Students First website as it was done in-house but it is estimated the effort to build and release the Students First website was 87 hours EL1 effort and 80 hours APS6 effort. The upkeep of the site (updates and maintenance) is also done in-house and occupies approximately 10% of one FTE (Full Time Equivalent)
 - b) Yes
 - c) There were 31,691 unique users between launch (10 Jan 2014) and 31 October 2014
- 2) Yes