

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question

Heads of agreement

Senator LUDWIG: Is that in the MoU or is that a separate agreement?

Ms Leon: The MoUs are with client agencies, so it is not with the partner departments. The two partner departments, education and employment, have a heads of agreement by which we established the Shared Services Centre, and we are now developing more detailed policies about matters such as the division of capital funding and the allocation of operational budgets and so on. But they are still drafts at the moment. We are operating on a 50-50 basis for the time being. Senator LUDWIG: Can we get a copy of the heads of agreement? Ms Leon: I can take that on notice.

Answer

The heads of agreement that established the shared services centre dealt with a range of other matters including the final allocations of various resources of the former DEEWR to the new Department of Education and Department of Employment. The relevant content of the heads of agreement that establishes the shared services centre is attached.