

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017**

**Outcome: Higher Education Research and International**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000874**

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing.

***Conference attendance***

**Question**

How many staff members in the Division [Higher Education Division] have attended conferences in the past year?

If so, how many of these staff members presented papers on behalf of the Government?

What was the subject matter of each of the paper(s) and at what conferences were they delivered?

What were the costs associated with the conference fees for these conferences?

**Answer**

Twenty eight of the approximate 100 staff members in the Higher Education Research and International Cluster attended higher education related conferences in the past year. This included key events for engagement with the sector on higher education policy and consultation with key stakeholders in the margins of the conferences and opportunities for skills development for staff.

Three staff members presented papers on behalf of the Government.

- The subject matter was as follows:
  - one person presented on “Australia’s Higher Education Loan Program (HELP)” at the 5<sup>th</sup> International Forum on Student Aid Policy in Daegu, Korea.
  - two people presented on “Applying for Australian Government competitive grants” at the Equity Practitioners in Higher Education Australasia.

The conference fee costs associated with the 28 staff members attending 44 conference events in the last 12 months is \$59,516.36 (GST inclusive).