

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome: Agency: AIATSIS

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000984

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing

AIATSIS - Renewed mandate pursuant to the AIATSIS Amendment Act 2016

Question

1. Could you please advise where AIATSIS is up to in the implementation of the governance reforms mandated in the AIATSIS Amendment Act 2016?
2. Are there any departing Board members as a result of this change?
 - a. If so, which Board members are leaving and when do they depart the Board?
3. Are there new Board members coming on as a result of this change?
 - a. If so, who are the new Board members and when will they be appointed?

Answer

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) has provided the following answer

1. AIATSIS has implemented the governance reforms in accordance with its amended legislation. The AIATSIS Rules have been updated and applied, including changes to the Council appointment process to ensure an Indigenous leadership majority, gender representation and appropriate skills. AIATSIS has also refocussed resources internally, increasing staff numbers in the Collections program from 51 to 107. The language in the amended Act also reflects contemporary language and values.
2. No board/Council members have been required to leave due to the changes. No board/Council members have declared that they wish to leave because of the changes, and to date no board/Council members have left and given the reason for leaving as the changes to the legislation.
 - a. N/A
3. N/A
 - a. N/A