

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-001049

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing.

Multi Industry School Based and Pre-Apprenticeship Support Pilot Project - Chair of AEN

Question

1. Was Dean Luciani the Chair of AEN at the time the ARAG convened?
2. Was the Minister aware that one of the members of the ARAG was the Chair of the AEN at the time it was awarded \$6.82 million by the government
3. Was the Department aware that one of the members of the ARAG was the Chair of the AEN at the time it was awarded \$6.82 million?

Answer

1. Yes
2. The Department of Education and Training advised Senator the Hon Scott Ryan, the then Minister for Vocational Education and Skills, that Mr Luciani was a former member of ARAG.
3. The Terms of Reference for the Apprenticeships Reform Advisory Group (ARAG) make it clear that ARAG cannot make any decisions about funding. Funding for the project was approved by the department's program delegate in accordance with program guidelines.