

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

**Outcome 3 - Higher Education, Research & International**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0281\_14**

**Senator Carr provided in writing.**

Refers to previous Question No ED0233\_14 (SQ14-000663).

**Question**

***Estimate of the impact of the efficiency dividend by institution***

1. Referring to the response to a question on notice from supplementary estimates, number ED0233\_14 (SQ13-000663), which provides estimates of the impact of the efficiency dividend by institution – ‘These are the most recent estimates undertaken by the Department and are correct as at the time of the 2013 Budget.’ Why, between May 2013 and November 2013 didn’t the Department provide any update to these figures?
2. Have these figures since been updated?
3. What discussions has the Department had regarding the likely impact of the efficiency dividend with universities, - please list dates and people present.
4. Do the Department’s calculations align with universities’ own calculations for the impact of the efficiency dividend?
5. Has the Department provided individual universities with an estimate of the impact to their budget?
6. Did you provide these figures to universities prior to providing the answer to the question on notice?
7. Can you please provide the most recent estimate of the impact of the efficiency dividend by institution, and within this, please provide a breakdown of these figures by program area.

**Answer**

1. There has not been any identified need to update the estimates of the four-year impact of the efficiency dividend on each university.
2. No.
3. There have not been any meetings convened specifically to discuss the efficiency dividend.  
  
In line with usual administrative processes, the Department has advised universities about their 2014 payments.
4. The Department cannot comment on the calculations that universities have undertaken.
5. No.
6. No.
7. There are no more recent estimates of the impact of the efficiency dividend on universities than those provided in response to ED0233\_14.