

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

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

Outcome 3 - Employment

DEEWR Question No. CA0004_14

Senator Payne provided in writing.

Question

Australian Employment Covenant

After the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2013 you provided on notice some information on the VTEC review. You said the Minister had been briefed on the VTEC report, the findings were being considered, and a decision had yet to be made about its public release.

Can you provide an update on the VTEC review?

On what date was the report submitted to the department?

What were the findings and recommendations of the report?

What work is now being done to progress the findings or recommendations in the report?

Is the department preparing policy recommendations in response to the report?
Have these been presented to the Minister?

When will the report be made publicly available?

If the report will not be made public, why not?

Answer

The executive summary of the report was published on the Department's website on 3 July 2013.

It can be found at:

<http://foi.deewr.gov.au/documents/review-generationone-vtec-executive-summary>.

The Hon Julie Collins MP, Minister for Indigenous Employment and Economic Development, has asked the Department to work with GenerationOne on next steps considering the findings of the review. This work is based on careful consideration of how VTECs might fit into the context of the current employment services system and potential future developments.