

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015**

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000122

Senator Wright, Penny provided in writing.

Also refer to Question No. SQ15-000111

School support

Question

1. Whose decision was it not to publish ACER's 'Best Practice Teacher Education Programs and Australia's Own Programs' report before the TEMAG final report or indeed to not include it as an attachment to that report?
2. The ACER report says Australia has more of a 'recruitment problem' than a 'selection problem' (p. xiii) and states surveys of secondary school students indicate that long-term salary prospects and status are the main reasons why abler students are not choosing teaching, even though they regard it as an important profession. I am aware that teacher salaries are a matter for the states, but given ACER's finding that 'Recent research indicates a clear correlation between investment in teachers' salaries and PISA performance'— is there scope for some Federal leadership on this issue

Answer

1. The ACER report was commissioned by the Teacher Education Ministerial Advisory Group (Advisory Group) to inform the preparation of the *Action Now: Classroom Ready Teachers* report. Decisions about the use and publication of this report were a matter for the Advisory Group.
2. This question has been responded to in SQ15-000111.