

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

**Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth**

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**Senator Nash asked on 6 June 2013, Hansard page 40**

**Question**

**Use of unique student identifier for vocational qualifications**

Senator NASH: Will school students undertaking a vocational qualification be issued with an identifier? Mr Hehir: No. .... Mr Hehir: Sorry, Senator—perhaps I could just clarify my answer. My understanding is that the unique student identifier is actually in the tertiary sector. Senator NASH: So it does not apply to this at all? Mr Hehir: It would depend, I would suspect, on how the training is being delivered. I would need to check that. Senator NASH: Yes, if you could do that, that would be useful. Thank you. Mr Hehir: We will take that on notice.

**Answer**

Under the proposal that went to Parliament, from 1 January 2014 all individuals undertaking nationally recognised vocational education and training will be required to have a student identifier before their Registered Training Organisation can issue them with a statement of attainment or qualification. This includes school students undertaking a vocational qualification.