

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Question

School funding - implementation plans

Senator WRIGHT: Has the Victorian government provided an implementation plan under its Better Schools agreement which is satisfactory to the department at this stage? Mr Cook: I do not believe the Victorian government has provided an implementation plan at this stage. Senator WRIGHT: Is that a sure answer or would you need to check? Mr Cook: Yes, I am sure. Senator WRIGHT: They have not, then. Are there any other states or territories who have signed up for the Better Schools plan who have not provided a satisfactory implementation plan to the department? Ms Paul: The Better Schools plan is the former government's policy, so really the question that is probably more relevant now with the new government is to say who did and who did not deliver an implementation plan. We can take that on notice. Senator WRIGHT: I am asking who has not. Also, I am asking about satisfactory implementation plans, because they may have delivered one that is not considered to be satisfactory by the department. Ms Paul: Yes, we will take that on notice.

Answer

New South Wales, South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory submitted implementation plans to the former government, which were accepted by the former government.

Implementation plans have not been submitted by Victoria, Tasmania, Queensland, Western Australia or the Northern Territory.