

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

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

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

Department of Education Question No. ED0247_14

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Government's Independent Public Schools policy

Question

In relation to the Government's Independent Public Schools policy:

- i. What criteria does the department have in place for funding released to states and territories under the Independent Public Schools program? Can the department provide a copy?
- ii. How will recipient jurisdictions be required to acquit for funding they receive under the Independent Public Schools Program? Can the Department provide a copy of any related requirements and documentation?

Answer

- i. No funding has been released to states and territories under the Independent Public Schools Initiative. The department is currently working with central agencies to develop the criteria.
- ii. The department is currently developing accountability and administrative processes for provision of funding under the Independent Public Schools initiative. Processes will include the requirement to acquit funding received.