

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
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**DEEWR Question No. EW0339\_10**

Senator Hanson-Young asked on 3 June 2009, EEWWR Hansard page 78

**Question**

*School Reporting Protocols*

Can you provide information about the principles and protocols that guide the management of school reporting data? Please supply a copy of the relevant information.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG—When you say ‘ministers’, was this signed off at COAG?  
Dr Bruniges—This was signed off by the ministerial council. It was not the recent COAG, but it has been in place for some time, probably five or six years. I would have to take that on notice to give you the exact date.

**Answer**

Principles and protocols to guide nationally comparable reporting of school system performance were included as part of a paper titled *Data Collection, Management and Reporting* which were endorsed by MCEETYA and were first published on the MCEETYA website in early 2006.

At the MCEETYA Meeting 12th June 2009 Ministers endorsed the revised *Principles and Protocols for Reporting on Schooling in Australia* to recognise new policy arrangements agreed to by COAG in 2008. The principles and protocols are publicly available on the MCEETYA website.

[www.mceetya.edu.au/mceetya/nap\\_principles\\_protocols\\_for\\_rep\\_on\\_school\\_2009,27896.html](http://www.mceetya.edu.au/mceetya/nap_principles_protocols_for_rep_on_school_2009,27896.html)