

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 2 - Schools

DEEWR Question No.EW0085_11

Senator Mason provided in writing.

Question

**PROGRAM 2.9: SMARTER SCHOOLS - IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY
NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP- NP**

When did the NP commence and how much money has so far been appropriated by the Commonwealth Parliament?

Answer

The Smarter Schools - Improving Teacher Quality National Partnership was endorsed by the Council of Australian Governments in November 2008 and commenced on 1 January 2009.

The Australian Government has appropriated a total of \$550 million to the Smarter Schools - Improving Teacher Quality National Partnership for the duration of the agreement (2008-09 to 2012-13).