

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

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

Outcome 2 - Schools

DEEWR Question No.EW0090_11

Senator Mason provided in writing.

Question

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

Are there any sanctions mechanisms against the states, for example in case of a breach of the NP by the states, or if timeframes are not being met? If so, have any sanctions been taken so far in regards to this NP?

Answer

The payment of reward funding to states and territories will be based on their achievement of reward reform. The achievement of performance benchmarks will be assessed by the COAG Reform Council. Reward payments will not be paid to a state or territory until an independent assessment by the COAG Reform Council confirms that performance benchmarks have been achieved.

As at June 2010 no sanctions have been undertaken for the *Improving Teacher Quality National Partnership*.