

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Outcome 2 – Schools and Youth

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Senator Mason asked on 31 May 2012, Hansard page 13

Question

New modelling for all Australian Schools - time lines

Ms Paul: In due course, I suppose. As you say, the rubber hits the road at the point where people work out the impact on schools. But we are not at that point. Senator MASON: When do you hope to have done that by? Ms Paul: I can probably give you a better impression of that on notice, because what I can do is come back to you with the time lines for all the various groups that are working on these aspects. Ms Paul: I can best serve you on that, as I said before, by coming back to you with the time lines on all these groups that are doing this work and answer your question that way, on notice. Senator MASON: You can tell the committee when that analysis will be done? Ms Paul: Yes.

Answer

Since this question was put to Senate Estimates, the Prime Minister has announced the Government's proposal for a National Plan for School Improvement. The Plan includes a new approach to school funding based on the key recommendations of the Gonski Review Panel whose report was released publicly on 20 February 2012. The Prime Minister's announcement was made in Canberra on 3 September 2012 and included the commencement of discussions between the Commonwealth and the education sectors. The Government also outlined its next steps, including its intention to introduce legislation by the end of this year to enshrine the core principles of the school improvement plan and a new approach to school funding.