

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 3 - Higher Education

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Senator Hanson-Young provided in writing.

Question

TEQSA PERFORMANCE FUNDING

No further information has been made available to universities since an initial discussion paper on performance indicators was released in December 2009. The responses to the discussion paper have not yet been made public. i. When will the indicators being used to allocate performance funding monies in 2011 be advised to universities? ii. Will there be further consultation on this program?

Answer

A draft Compact template and draft Performance Funding Guidelines, along with supporting explanatory documents, were released for public consultation in October 2010. These documents outlined the proposed Performance Funding arrangements, including the indicators which will be used for Performance Funding.

The draft Compact template and draft Performance Funding Guidelines were developed following consultation with the higher education sector in 2009 and 2010. Submissions received in response to the discussion paper, An Indicator Framework for Higher Education Performance Funding are available at <http://www.deewr.gov.au/HigherEducation/Policy/Pages/Stakeholderconsultation.aspx>.

Feedback to the draft Compact template and draft Performance Funding Guidelines informed the development of a final Compact template and final Performance Funding framework. The final Compact template and an overview of the final performance framework were released in December 2010.