

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

**Outcome 3 - Tertiary, Skills, International and Indigenous Strategy**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0589\_12**

**Senator Mason provided in writing.**

***Mapping of funding and regulatory arrangements for higher education***

"I refer to the June 2011 report by the Melbourne Graduate School of Education (which report was commissioned by the Ministerial Council for Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs -MCEECDYA) mapping the funding and regulatory arrangements across the Commonwealth and State and Territories in relation to school funding.

a. Has any consideration been given to a similar report in relation to mapping the funding and regulatory arrangements in relation to higher education?"

**Answer**

From 30 January 2012, the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) will be responsible for the regulation and accreditation of all Australian higher education providers.

The Department is considering a mapping exercise of the responsibilities of higher education regulation.