

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 2 – Schools and Youth

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Question

School funding model - Briefing prior to next estimates

Ms Paul: We might have to say that we are still in negotiations. That is what I am offering. I am offering to at least alert you to how much we will be able to put forward. It might be that we are still in negotiations and, therefore, we are not going to lay down a final model, or it might be that there has already been a sign-up with whoever and here is the model. I just cannot predict it right now. I would prefer to predict it closer to the time. Senator MASON: This becomes very frustrating. Until there is a final model, it becomes very difficult. CHAIR: There is the inquiry, as well, Senator, so there will be an opportunity. Ms Paul: That is true. Because it is subject to negotiation, that is why we are where we are. Senator MASON: Could I perhaps get a briefing, informally, Minister? Ms Paul: Yes, of course you can. Senator MASON: That would be possible? Ms Paul: Yes, absolutely.

Answer

The department will contact Senator Mason's office prior to the next estimates hearings to arrange a briefing on the status of the National Plan for School Improvement.