

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

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

**Outcome 2 – Schools and Youth**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0743\_13**

**Senator Mason asked on 18 October 2012 , Hansard page 105**

***National School Improvement Framework (now the National School Improvement Tool)***

**Question**

Senator MASON: Thank you, Mr Cook. I understand that after putting together the discussion paper Professor Masters was also asked to work with the states and territories on developing and drafting the national school improvement framework. What is happening there? Ms Gordon: That is the second piece of work that I was just talking about. That work is progressing extremely well. The draft framework has undergone quite an extensive first round consultation. We have had a revised draft delivered to us. Senator MASON: Is that publicly available? Ms Gordon: It has been distributed amongst the relevant stakeholders. We would be able to provide a copy of that to the committee.

**Answer**

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations undertook to provide the Senate Standing Committee a copy of the revised draft of National School Improvement Framework (now the *National School Improvement Tool*) for tabling.

The National School Improvement Tool (NSIT) was renamed in response to stakeholder feedback, to help clarify that the NSIT is not replacing existing school evaluation and improvement frameworks.

The NSIT was endorsed by education ministers at the Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood meeting held on 7 December 2012.