

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
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**Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0145\_14  
Senator Wright provided in writing.**

**Question**

**National Partnership on Literacy and Numeracy**

1. What is the progress of the evaluation work the Department has been doing with regard to the National Partnership on Literacy and Numeracy? 2. What is the progress of the evaluation work the Department has been doing with regard to the National Partnership for Low Socio-Economic Status School Communities? 3. Regarding those reviews, three evaluation reports were announced by the Department earlier in 2013: the draft interim report, the preliminary narrative report and the core evaluation plan. Please provide copies of each of these.

**Answer**

1. What is the progress of the evaluation work the Department has been doing with regard to the National Partnership on Literacy and Numeracy?

On 22 March 2013, Parkville Global Advisory (PGA) was contracted to undertake an independent evaluation of the National Partnership on Literacy and Numeracy (LNNP) and the National Partnership for Low Socio-Economic Status School Communities (LSES NP).

A national evaluation framework has been established and agreed by all states and territories.

The final report is anticipated to be completed by early 2014 for consideration by Government.

2. What is the progress of the evaluation work the Department has been doing with regard to the National Partnership for Low Socio-Economic Status School Communities?

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3. Regarding those reviews, three evaluation reports were announced by the Department earlier in 2013: the draft interim report, the preliminary narrative report and the core evaluation plan. Please provide copies of each of these.

The deliverables of the agreement with PGA included the provision of a preliminary narrative, a final report and a core evaluation plan for proposed future work. The preliminary narrative is an internal working document and has been provided to all states and territories for comment. It will form the basis for the final report. The core evaluation plan will be submitted with the final report for consideration by the Government.