

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Question

List of portfolio responsibilities by Minister

Senator KIM CARR: Can I get an indication of who is responsible for what between the Minister for Education, the Assistant Minister for Education and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education. Ms Paul: Yes. The Assistant Minister for Education is responsible for early childhood and early childhood programs and related policies and for vocational education in schools. The responsibilities of any parliamentary secretary, of course, are a matter for the senior minister, and Senator Scott Ryan is focusing largely on science, technology, engineering and maths in the school curriculum, some school infrastructure and a range of other issues which I could spell out—but those are the main ones. Senator KIM CARR: Could I have a list of who is responsible for what. Ms Paul: Yes, sure. I will take that on notice for you.

Answer

The Minister for Education has overall responsibility for the Education portfolio. The Assistant Minister for Education assists the Minister with early childhood and childcare policy and programmes, and vocational education and training in schools. The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education assists the Minister with youth affairs and programmes; school infrastructure; and science, technology, engineering and mathematics in schools, including in curriculum.