

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Question

Low SES National partnership - reporting

Senator O'NEILL: In terms of the next phase, so we had the planning implementation and description of things going on, what are the sorts of evaluations other than student outcome data have you been collecting over the period of the implementation? What has been going on in terms of teachers recording what is happening and reporting to one another informally? Ms Donaldson: That is all very localised at the state level. We do not have visibility of that. The states are required to report to us on a six monthly basis as a means for triggering payments and the milestones associated with the requirements for the national partnership. Senator O'NEILL: How have they been going with that? pg 109 Ms Donaldson: The states have been compliant in relation to their reporting. Senator O'NEILL: In their reporting, is there any analysis that would be of interest to us here today? Ms Donaldson: The reports are publicly available and they are all published on the website. The reports again do not, for the low SES national partnership, go explicitly to student outcome data. They are just monitoring reports as to point in time analysis as to what is occurring, as opposed to comparative analysis. Senator O'NEILL: I have not had the advantage of reading those. Would you be able to outline some of the things that jump to mind when you think of your reading of those reports? Ms Donaldson: I do not have summaries available for me here today, but we could provide some highlights on notice. Ms Paul: Or point you towards where they are on the website.

Answer

PUBLICATION OF THE SMARTER SCHOOLS NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP – LOW SES SCHOOLS COMMUNITIES ANNUAL AND PROGRESS REPORTS

Under the Low SES Schools Communities National Partnership, states and territories are required to provide annual and progress reports in April and October each year respectively. The most recent reports published on the Department's website are the 2012 Annual Reports. They can be accessed via the following links:

STATE	MOST RECENT REPORT	LINK
NSW	2012 Annual Report	http://docs.education.gov.au/node/32619
VIC	2012 Annual Report	http://docs.education.gov.au/node/32603
ACT	2012 Annual Report	http://docs.education.gov.au/node/32597
WA	2012 Annual Report	http://docs.education.gov.au/node/32601

NT	2012 Annual Report	http://docs.education.gov.au/node/32617
TAS	2012 Annual Report	http://docs.education.gov.au/node/32605
QLD	2012 Annual Report	http://docs.education.gov.au/node/32611
SA	2012 Annual Report	http://docs.education.gov.au/node/32609