

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

**Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Child Care**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0241\_14**

**Senator McLucas provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Attendance rates under NPAECE**

Does the Government require states to report attendance rates to receive federal funding under the National Partnership Agreement on Early Childhood Education (NPAECE)? (a) If not, will the Government require minimum reporting standards by states in negotiating a new NPAECE beyond 31 December 2013? (b) What accountability measures does/ will the government have in place to ensure attendance rates are reported on a regular basis by State and Territory governments?

**Answer**

Preschool attendance data is collected through the annual National Early Childhood Education and Care Collection, released in the ABS publication Preschool Education Australia (cat. no. 4240.0). The National Collection is used to determine performance against agreed targets.