



Australian Government
Department of Education and Training

Deputy Secretary
Alex Gordon

Committee Secretary
Education and Employment — Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Secretary

I am writing in relation to the Education and Employment Senate Estimates — Legislation Committee's hearing of 25 October 2018.

I wish to correct the evidence presented to the Committee in response to a series of questions from Senator Lines relating to the status of the National Partnership agreement on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education.

As indicated in evidence provided the Committee, the Prime Minister, the Hon Scott Morrison sent the agreement to states and territories for their consideration and signature on 25 September 2018. Ms Mary McDonald, Group Manager, Evidence and Assessment and I both indicated that no response had been received from any state or territory.

The Department was advised today by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet that the Victorian Government had signed the 2018-19 National Partnership Agreement at the time of the Committee hearing.

I would appreciate if you could draw this correction to the attention to the Committee and I apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Gordon".

Alex Gordon
Deputy Secretary, Schools and Youth

26 October 2018