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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT Chair: Mr Mike Symon MP Deputy Chair: Mr Rowan Ramsey MP

Advisory report on Australian Education Bill 2012 tabled

On Wednesday 29 May 2013 the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Education and Employment tabled its **Advisory Report on the Australian Education Bill 2012.**

The Committee recommended that the House pass the Bill, together with four amendments.

The Australian Education Bill articulates the Government's aspirations for school education in Australia. It provides the foundation for a legislative framework that seeks to put 'an excellent education for every child at the heart of how Australia delivers and funds schooling'.

The Bill incorporates core recommendations made by the Gonski Review to implement:

- a dollar per student resource standard and various dollar loadings for disadvantage, regardless of the type of school a student attends; and
- a National Plan for School Improvement.

The Committee Chair, Mr Mike Symon MP said, "the Australian Education Bill foreshadows fundamental reforms to school education in this country. These reforms are important for our children's future and the nation's prosperity."

The reports and recommendations can be found on the Committee's website, together with the Chair's tabling speech:

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary Business/Committees/House of Representatives Committees?url=ee/reports.htm

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