

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015**

**Outcome: Schools and Youth**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000068**

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***Universal access preschool funding for 2015 - bilateral agreements***

**Question**

Senator LINES: You are telling me that all of those bilaterals have been signed by every state and territory.

Mr Cook: That is correct.

Mr Cook: As part of the purse requirement, all states and territories have agreed to the national partnership. Their first deliverable to us is an implementation plan, which is a condition of that. We have received all of those, I think, other than two states at this point.

Ms Gordon: We have received all except for the Northern Territory since the advice provided to the associate secretary. We have since received Tasmania as well, so we have now received each of them except for the Northern Territory. Those have not been agreed at this stage, but we have received the draft plans for consideration.

Senator LINES: Can you tell me when each jurisdiction with the exception of the Northern Territory signed up?

Mr Cook: We will have to take that on notice.

**Answer**

All states and territories have now provided draft Implementation Plans under the National Partnership Agreement on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education - 2015. Details of when each jurisdiction's plan was provided are set out below:

New South Wales	2 February 2015
Victoria	21 January 2015
Queensland	19 December 2014
Western Australia	19 December 2014
South Australia	9 February 2015
Tasmania	27 February 2015
Australian Capital Territory	19 December 2014
Northern Territory	22 March 2015