

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000082

Senator Wright, Penny asked on 05 March 2015, Hansard page 35

ACER Research

Question

Senator WRIGHT: When did the department receive the research?

Mr Cook: We would have to take that on notice. It would not have been the department. It would have been TEMAG.

Senator WRIGHT: So, the department has access to that research now, I presume.

Mr Cook: The research is public. Everyone has access to it. It is on the Students First website.

Senator WRIGHT: Perhaps you could find out for me when TEMAG received it—if it was sent to TEMAG.

Mr Cook: Sure. We will take that on notice.

Senator WRIGHT: Did Professor Craven sit down with the ACER team and spend time working on the findings?

Ms Paul: We would have to take that on notice.

CHAIR: I am not sure who would know that.

Senator WRIGHT: Is it possible to ask? Should we call TEMAG? How do we find that out?

Ms Paul: You are asking whether the chair of TEMAG discussed with ACER—

Senator WRIGHT: The researchers.

Ms Paul: We can take that on notice. We will have to ask.

Senator WRIGHT: I am asking specifically whether he sat down with them and spend some time working on the findings of TEMAG before they were published—before TEMAG finalised its findings.

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Senator WRIGHT: If I could refer back to the earlier question about the degree to which the chair of TEMAG sat down and spoke with ACER, I will say that I am really interested in the extent to which the research was taken into account in terms of the recommendations. And yes, we can read both.

Ms Paul: That is probably the question to take on notice, actually, and we will need to ask TEMAG. Given that, as Senator Ryan pointed out, both pieces you are talking about are public, that is a helpful situation too.

Answer

These questions relate to commissioned research undertaken by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) in 2014, *Best Practice Teacher Education Programs and Australia's Own Programs*, available at <http://www.studentsfirst.gov.au/teacher-education-ministerial-advisory-group>

ACER submitted the research report to the Teacher Education Ministerial Advisory Group (Advisory Group) Secretariat for provision to the Advisory Group on 1 September 2014.

The Advisory Group undertook an extensive consultation process and reviewed wide-ranging evidence and international best practice, including this commissioned research, to reach their conclusions and recommendations.

Members of the ACER research team met with the Advisory Group, including Professor Greg Craven, to present and discuss their research on 28 August 2014.