

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000600

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

Federal takeover of vocational education and training

Question

On 3 February 2016, Fairfax reported on a leaked COAG-in-Confidence document titled "Vocational Education and Training, and Higher Education".

- Did the Department prepare this document?
- Who requested that it be drafted?
- Were outside stakeholders consulted in the development of this document? If so, who and when?
- Was the Minister's office involved in the drafting of this document, or did it receive a draft of the paper? Please provide dates on which the paper was discussed with the Minister's office.
- Please table all emails and other correspondence involved in the drafting of this document.
- Was the Government intending on taking this document to the next COAG meeting? If so, does the Government still intend to table a document regarding a potential federal takeover of VET at the next COAG meeting?
- Has the takeover plan been costed?

Answer

These matters are the responsibility of the Prime Minister and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.