

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000200

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing.

National Partnership Agreement

Question

Will the current National Partnership Agreement on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education be replaced or extended? Will the Federal Government continue to fund pre-school for four year olds after the end of 2017?

Answer

The current National Partnership Agreement on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education makes \$840 million available to states and territories to support all children's participation in a quality preschool program for 600 hours per year throughout 2016 and 2017.

The Australian Government is considering funding arrangements for preschool from 2018 and has undertaken to make an announcement ahead of the 2018 school year.