

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome: Schools and Youth**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000244**

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah provided in writing.

***Negotiations with state and territory governments***

**Question**

Are the negotiations with state and territory governments being led by you or the Prime Minister's office?

What role is the Prime Minister, his office and Department playing in dealing with state governments?

How involved would you say the Prime Minister himself is in negotiations? Have you and he met with any state leaders?

**Answer**

In December 2016 the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreed a strategic forward agenda with a specific focus on education reform and funding in 2017, including school funding arrangements. This work is being taken forward by the Minister for Education and Training and the COAG Education Council.