

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Students with disability

Question

What is being done to assure the technical quality, uniformity and timeliness of the data?

Answer

The Joint Working Group to Provide Advice on Reform for Students with Disability oversees a range of activities at national, jurisdictional and school levels to improve the quality and consistency of the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). These include:

- National: provision of a professional learning website with resources and guidance to support schools with the data collection process; communications materials for parents/carers and the broader public; annual NCCD guidelines; and independent and internal reviews of collection processes and quality
- Jurisdictional: professional learning opportunities on the NCCD, *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and *Disability Standards for Education 2005*; dedicated staff to support schools with the data collection process; information and moderation sessions; and the provision of data collection tools
- School: internal reviews of data quality; information sessions; and ongoing refinements to school processes in undertaking the data collection.

At its 16 December 2016 meeting, Education Council agreed in principle that the NCCD should be one of a range of factors to inform policy and funding decisions for students with disability and to continue to work collaboratively to improve data quality and consistency.