

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000464

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Minimum literacy and numeracy standard and compulsory subjects for Year 12 students

Question

How is the Department implementing the commitment to require, within five years, a minimum literacy and numeracy standard for all students completing Year 12 and successful completion of English or humanities subject, and a science or maths subject, as a prerequisite for getting an ATAR? (Quality Schools, Quality Outcomes, p. 9.)

- Have states and territories agreed to implement this?
- What is the timeline for implementation

Answer

In May 2016, the Australian Government's *Quality Schools, Quality Outcomes* policy document for school reform outlined a number of key areas for future focus. It was clearly outlined in the policy document that "consultation with states and territories, the non-government school sector, teachers, school leaders and the community will be central to the development of future schooling directions."

The Minister for Education and Training is undertaking this consultation through a range of mechanisms, including Education Council.