

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Senator Mason asked on 5 June 2013, Hansard page 63

Costings for the National Plan for School Improvement

Question

Senator MASON: ... Let me move on. When were the costings for the National Plan for School Improvement agreed to between the Treasury, Education and Finance?

Ms Paul: When?

Senator MASON: Yes.

Ms Paul: It was over a long cabinet consideration process, culminating, of course, in the budget. So we would have to take that on notice. It would have been on multiple occasions; there was considerable cabinet consideration and so on.

Answer

Cabinet considered the National Plan for School Improvement on a number of occasions throughout 2012 and 2013, the preparation for which involved significant collaboration between the Treasury, the then Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and the then Department of Finance and Deregulation.

The full suite of costings for the NPSI were finalised between the departments on 12 April 2013.