

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Care**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0101\_15**

**Senator Hanson-Young provided in writing.**

**Question**

**National Quality Agenda**

Budget Paper 3 states that a review of the National Quality Agenda agreement is scheduled for 2014. Provision has been made in the Contingency Reserve for funding from 2015-16, subject to negotiations with the States. Will the Government be negotiating an extension or a new National Partnership on the National Quality Agenda?

**Answer**

The National Partnership Agreement on the National Quality Agenda for Early Childhood Education and Care (NP NQA) is not an expiring agreement.

Future funding arrangements under the NP NQA will be subject to the outcomes of the 2014 Review of the NP NQA.