

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

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

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

Department of Education Question No. ED0211_15

Senator O'Neill provided in writing.

Question

Australian Education Act 2013

Section 3 of the *Australian Education Act 2013* says: a. (2) The Commonwealth will work with the governments of the States and Territories, and non-government education authorities, to implement the National Plan for School Improvement set out in the National Education Reform Agreement to meet the objects of this Act by addressing the reform directions set out in subsections (3) to (8). b. Is the Government complying with this requirement of the Act?

Answer

Yes.

On 2 April 2014, the Minister for Education, the Hon Christopher Pyne MP, wrote to key education stakeholders inviting submissions on the removal of the command and control features of the *Australian Education Act 2013* (the Act) and *Australian Education Regulation 2013* (the Regulation).

Stakeholders have raised aspects of the National Education Reform Agreement (NERA) and National Plan for School Improvement (NPSI) as an overreach of Commonwealth powers and involving unnecessary reporting to the Commonwealth.