

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Professor Caldwell's research on school autonomy

Question

Senator WRIGHT: Do you have an update on when this report will be completed and provided to the department?

Mr Cook: Professor Caldwell's research is made up of a number of stages. It is part of international research that he is doing with a number of other researchers, I think, from Singapore, possibly from Israel and a number of other countries. I think there are six or seven countries involved. So we have the first stage of that report, the first stage of that research. The second phase is being finalised at the moment. I think we might have had it or are about to receive it. Then there is a third phase, which is, I think, actually a survey. Canada, China, England, Hong Kong, Finland and Singapore are the countries involved. It is research that was convened by Israel.

Senator WRIGHT: When is the report to be provided? What is the contract requirement for it to be provided to government?

Mr Cook: We have the first report. When it might be published is probably going to be a decision of this international consortium, I imagine. Everyone is doing a report in their various countries.

Senator WRIGHT: I see. So it is not going to be reliant just on the Australian government?

Mr Cook: No.

Senator WRIGHT: It will be independent of that because there is a consortium?

Mr Cook: That is right. What it looks like in Canada and what it looks like in Singapore et cetera.

Senator WRIGHT: And you do not have a date for that at this stage?

Mr Cook: I am happy to take it on notice. I do not have the date available to me at the moment.

Answer

The international research project consists of four phases. The department now has the reports of Phase 1 and 2 Phase 3 is scheduled for completion in 2016. The timeline for completion of Phase 4 of the project is yet to be advised.