

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000346

Senator Wright, Penny asked on 04 June 2015, Proof Hansard page 95

Appointment of Professor Caldwell as Deputy Chair of ACARA

Question

Senator WRIGHT: The head of Educational Transformations, Professor Caldwell, was also recently appointed as the deputy chair of ACARA. Was this report commissioned from Educational Transformations before or after that appointment was made?

Mr Cook: I will have to take that on notice. I cannot remember when he was appointed. I think he was only appointed last year to ACARA. Sorry, Senator. We will have to take that on notice just to make sure we have the dates aligned for you.

Answer

Emeritus Professor John Caldwell AO was appointed as Deputy Chair of the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority Board on 7 July 2014, following agreement to his appointment by all Australian education ministers through the Education Council.

Educational Transformations Pty Ltd was contracted by the Australian Government to investigate the links between school autonomy and learning outcomes for Australian students on 13 October 2014.