

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Schools and Youth**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000397**

Senator O'Neill, Deborah asked on 04 June 2015, Proof Hansard page 114

*Also refer to previous Question No. ED0582\_15*

***Good to Great Schools evaluation***

**Question**

Senator O'NEILL: Are they reported to you in a particular form, and how frequently?

Mr Cook: At the moment they are reported back to the Good to Great Schools organisation. They then provide reports to us. There is an evaluation being undertaken as well to ensure that there has been improvements in terms of student outcomes.

Senator O'NEILL: And that evaluation is being undertaken by whom?

Mr Cook: The EOI is about to go out from Good to Great Schools.

Senator O'NEILL: And do we know the value of that tender?

Mr Cook: I am happy to take that on notice.

Senator O'NEILL: You do not have any indication? Okay, take it on notice. The progress reports: you talked about weekly reports for students on how they are going, but, in terms of the contract with you, how frequently are reports received by the department?

Dr Atkins: If I am not mistaken, it is annual, but I would need to double-check that.

Mr Cook: That would be within the contract. I think the committee has got the contract. I think there was a question on notice for the contract at the last estimates, and I understand all of this information is in the contract that we have provided to the committee.

**Answer**

Good to Great Schools Australia is conducting an expression of interest process for an external evaluation of the programme. A specific monetary value for the evaluation is not included in the funding agreement with Good to Great Schools Australia.

Good to Great Schools Australia must provide progress reports annually.

The department previously provided a copy of the grant agreement to the committee (ED0582\_15 refers).