

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000521

Senator O'Neill, Deborah provided in writing

Also refer to previous Question No. ED0553_15.

Review of the Australian Education Act 2013 (the Act)

Question

Page 45 of the 2014-15 PBS which states:

"Consultation will occur with school authorities during 2014 to amend the Australian Education Act 2013 (the Act) to reduce regulatory burden and ensure states and territories remain responsible for schools and non-government schools maintain their independence and autonomy."

1. There is no mention of the review of the Education Act in the 2015-16 PBS. Why not?
2. Where is the review up to?
3. Who has been consulted? When? Can you provide a list of consultations?

Answer

In line with the Government's election commitment, the department consulted with key stakeholders on potential amendments to the Act. The consultation process formally concluded in the 2014–15 financial year. Therefore inclusion in the 2015–16 Portfolio Budget Statements was unnecessary. Advice on the outcome of the consultation process has been provided to Government for consideration.

Please also refer to ED0553_15 from Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014–15.