

## Senate Committee: Education and Employment

### QUESTION ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018

#### Outcome: Skills and Training

#### Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000600

Senator Cameron, Doug asked on 31 May 2017, Proof Hansard page 74

#### *Skilling Australians Fund*

#### Question

Senator CAMERON: So can you provide outcomes of those meetings and dates of when discussions took place prior to the budget in relation to this?

Senator Birmingham: We will have a look at it.

Senator CAMERON: You will have a look?

Senator Birmingham: We will have a look.

Senator CAMERON: Is that the best you can offer?

Senator Birmingham: It is, actually, yes. There are definitive rules in the Senate in relation to state-Commonwealth relations, so we will have a look at it in the context of those.

#### Answer

The Australian Government has engaged with states and territories on skills reform through meetings of skills ministers through COAG Industry and Skills Council meetings in April 2016 and November 2016.

Senior officials have also worked with their state and territory counterparts to progress discussions on skills reform, including meetings on:

- 29 April 2016
- 5 August 2016
- 29 August 2016
- 29 September 2016
- 21 October 2016
- 7 November 2016
- 15 December 2016
- 7 April 2017