

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
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Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah asked on 01 June 2017, Proof Hansard page 98

***School system audits***

**Question**

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Can I just asked one clarifying question. You talked about audits of individual schools. Do you require—

Senator Birmingham: Audits of individual authorities.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Do you require system-wide audits as well to go alongside those?

Senator Birmingham: To date—and I stand to be corrected—where the department has initiated an audit it has always been of an authority, although whether any of those authorities have contained more than one school—

Ms Gordon: I am not aware of any.

Senator Birmingham: We will check the records there.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Thank you.

**Answer**

All audits undertaken under the *Australian Education Act 2013* have been in relation to an approved authority for a single school. During these audits the operations of both the approved authority and the school are examined.

If an approved authority for more than one school (including approved system authorities) was audited, the Department of Education and Training can audit an individual school or a group of schools within the authority, or the approved authority as a whole.