

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018**

**Outcome: Schools and Youth**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000789**

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing

***National Education Reform Agreement - reviews***

**Question**

Given the National Education Reform Agreement was still in place, as recorded in testimony at the Budget Estimates hearing, have the following, agreed in that intergovernmental document, been conducted:

- Comprehensive reviews of this Agreement...by a panel of independent reviewers (para 101 of the NERA)
- A comprehensive review of all elements of this agreement (including funding and policy elements) will be completed by 30 June 2016 (para 102)
- The Parties agree to commission an independent review of the indexation arrangements...The review will be completed by March 2015. (para 105)
- The Commonwealth will review the socio-economic status (SES) score methodology by 2017 to ensure this score remains the most appropriate means of assessing the relative educational advantage of non-government schools, including their capacity to contribute?

For those reviews that have been conducted, did:

- consultations take place with the sector?
- Were submissions called for?
- Was independent analysis conducted?
- Please share with the committee the findings from each of the reviews undertaken.

**Answer**

No review has been undertaken of the National Education Reform Agreement (NERA) as the 2014–15 Budget made clear that the Australian Government would withdraw from the NERA.