

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Care

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Question

Preschool policy work

The Assistant Minister's media release states that "other policy work likely to inform the Government on future preschool policy decisions included the Federation White Paper and the review of the National Quality Framework". [Hon Sussan Ley MP, 5 September 2014] Can the department explain how these bodies of work will progress, who will be involved and what is the likely timeline for public reporting?

Answer

A review of the National Quality Framework is currently being undertaken by the Australian Government and all state and territory governments. Outcomes from the review will be considered by the Education Council and the Council of Australian Governments in the first half of 2015.

The Reform of the Federation White Paper process is being led by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Information about the process can be found at: <http://federation.dpmc.gov.au/>