

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

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

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

Department of Education Question No. ED0577_15

Senator Wright provided in writing.

Question

Review of indexation - schools

1. The Minister advised stakeholders in January a review of indexation arrangements would take place and consultations on the terms of reference would be held in late May 2014. Has that consultation taken place or is it yet to occur? 2. If it has taken place, what organisations were consulted with? 3. Will the review be completed, as the Minister indicated, by March 2015? If not, what is the revised timetable? 4. Has the department been advised that no changes will be made to the current indexation rates prior to 2018?

Answer

1. to 3. The Australian Government foreshadowed in the 2014–15 Budget that the Consumer Price Index and enrolment growth would be applied to Commonwealth recurrent funding for schools from 2018 to consolidate the already substantial increases in funding for 2014 to 2017.

As a result further consideration of indexation will take place as part of the formal negotiations for funding from 2018.

4. The Government has committed to funding in accordance with the *Australian Education Act 2013* until 2017, including the associated indexation rates.