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Question:

Senator McKENZIE: How were the national education reform agreements drawn up with the states and territories?

Ms Cross: There was a task force in PM&C that had PM&C and Department of Education staff on it. That worked closely with the Department of Education as agreements were negotiated through senior officials meetings.

Senator McKENZIE: How many officers from PM&C were on the task force?

Ms Cross: I would have to take that on notice. We are going back some time, now.

Answer:

The number of PM&C officers on the taskforce varied over time. At its peak there were 14 PM&C staff. The taskforce was stood down on 16 August 2013.