

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

**Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0260\_14**

**Senator Carr provided in writing.**

**Question**

***Heads of Agreement on National Education Reform***

Can the Department please provide a copy of the Heads of Agreement on National Education Reform, and associated bi-lateral agreements, between the Commonwealth and New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory, including all schedules and attachments, letters, implementation plans submitted – whether or not agreed by the Commonwealth, along with other documents that outline Commonwealth-State/Territory school funding commitments?

**Answer**

A summary of the agreements reached by each state and territory is contained in the table below.

	<b>NSW</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>WA</b>
<b>NERA &amp; Heads of Agreement</b>	Signed 23 April 2013	Signed 14 June 2013	Signed 30 May 2013	Signed 5 August 2013	Signed 20 August 2013	Not signed	Not signed	Not signed
<b>Bi-lateral Agreements (replace HoA)</b>	Signed 5 August 2013	Signed 5 August 2013	Signed 1 August 2013	Not concluded	Not concluded	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>‘Participating’ under the Australian Education Act</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No

Copies of related agreements that are currently publicly available are attached:

- National Education Reform Agreement  
[http://www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/content/other\\_related\\_agreements/current/National\\_Education\\_Reform\\_Agreement\\_2013.pdf](http://www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/content/other_related_agreements/current/National_Education_Reform_Agreement_2013.pdf)
- ACT Heads of Agreement  
[http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0010/460198/hoa-schools-reform.pdf](http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/460198/hoa-schools-reform.pdf)
- Victorian Heads of Agreement  
<http://www.premier.vic.gov.au/media-centre/media-releases/7508-12-2-billion-win-for-victorian-schools.html>

The Department of Education is in the process of consulting with the relevant state and territory departments of education on the provision of the remaining formal agreements to the Committee.