

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2008-09 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome 2

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Senator Abetz asked on 4 June 2008, EEWR Hansard page 24

Question

Compliance Certification – Regulation 2.6 of the Schools Assistance (Learning Together – Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Regulations 2005

Who does the certification? Could you also advise us about the last certification that you received from the state of Tasmania and whether that certification had in it any exemptions or non-exemptions, because it would be for the Commonwealth to provide the exemption. Are there some exceptions? Is it the case that they believe that 90 per cent or 99 per cent of schools—schools A, B and C—did not comply for whatever reasons, or was the certification for 100 per cent of state government schools?

Answer

In the case of government school systems, compliance certificates are submitted on behalf of the senior executive officer of the relevant State or Territory department of education by a senior officer of the department.

The Tasmanian Department of Education advised that, in respect of 2006, the school performance information for each government school in the State was made publicly available, in the manner specified in Regulation 2.6 of the *Schools Assistance (Learning Together – Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Regulations 2005*, by 30 June 2007.