SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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DEEWR Question No. **EW0114_10**

Senator Hanson-Young provided in writing.

Question

Auditing of school enrolments

Does the Commonwealth require states to regularly audit schools to ensure they are receiving funding for students actually enrolled?

Answer

For government schools, the States and Territories have responsibility for managing their own audit procedures with respect to enrolments.

For non-government schools, the Commonwealth does not mandate that States and Territories audit enrolments. However, as these jurisdictions also provide enrolment-based funding for non-government schools it is expected that they each have their own enrolment verification processes.

The Commonwealth also works collaboratively with State and Territory jurisdictions to ensure that only eligible enrolments actually attract funding

Further, where the Commonwealth has evidence indicating that enrolments have been fraudulently overstated, the Commonwealth fully investigates, undertakes action to recover the funds and where appropriate, will seek to prosecute people connected with the fraud.