

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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DEEWR Question No.EW0387_12

Senator Mason asked on 1/06/2011, Hansard page 22.

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Question

Future OfALTC

Senator MASON: It is the question on notice, EW0914_11:

I ask you, Ms Paul—I know you will correct me if I cannot answer(sic) this question but I flag it because it is on the borderline. Did the department provide any advice to the minister regarding the future of the ALTC in the last two months?

Ms Paul, you said, 'I will take it on notice.' The answer is, 'Yes.'

Can I ask, was it a brief to the minister personally or his office, was it provided before or after the cabinet decision to abolish the ALTC was taken in January 2011?

Ms Paul: I will take that on notice.

Answer

The Department provided advice to the Minister's Office on the future of the ALTC. This was prior to the Cabinet decision to cease funding the ALTC.