

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 2 - Schools

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Question

**Students With Disabilities Package - List Of Working Group And Stakeholders
Consulted**

Senator MASON: You might need to help me, I think. You know a lot more about this than I do. We will see how we go. Minister, I just refer you to the government's new announcement of \$200 million to 'improve school experiences for students with disabilities'. I note that the government's press release of 10 May 2011 from Mr Garrett states that the package has been developed after extensive consultations with school principals, disability organisations, unions, communities and educational professionals. I also note Minister Garrett's press release of November 2010 which indicated that a working party has been established to provide advice on students with a disability. Could the department provide the committee with a list of those who were consulted? Dr Bruniges: Yes, we can do that, Senator. Senator MASON: Do that now, Ms Wall, or on notice? Ms Wall: I will just clarify. We convened a working group. I will just see if we have the names with us. But outside that working group we also consulted with a range of other stakeholders during that time, and I am not sure I have that list either. We could get both for you. Senator MASON: That it on notice.

Answer

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

Working Group Member	Organisation
Mr Angelo Gavrielatos	Australian Education Union
Ms Fiona Forbes	Australian Special Education Principals' Association
Ms Lynne James	Australian Association of Special Education
Ms Leonie Trimper	Australian Primary Principals Association
Mr Bill Daniels	Independent Schools Council of Australia
Mr Tim Smith	National Catholic Education Commission
Mr Chris Watt	Independent Education Union
Ms Lesley Hall	Australian Federation of Disability Organisations
Ms Leslie Loble	NSW Department of Education and Training
Ms Marg Sandow	SA Department of Education and Children's Services
Ms ShereeVertigan	Australian Secondary Principals Association
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Dr Michele Bruniges	
Ms Catherine Wall	

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations also consulted with other key stakeholders in parallel to the working group. This included meetings with the following organisations:

- Children with Disability Australia
- National People with Disabilities and Carers Council
- Australian Parents Council
- Australian Council of State School Organisations.