

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

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

Outcome 3 - Tertiary, Skills, International and Indigenous Strategy

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Senator Mason provided in writing.

Question

University compacts

At the previous Budget Estimates on 1 June 2011, Mr Hazlehurst advised the Committee that the compacts that had been negotiated with each university "will be signed shortly". Has that in fact yet happened? If not, when will it occur? What has been the reason for the delay? When will compacts with universities become fully operational?

Answer

All universities have agreed to, and signed their Compacts. All universities are now conducting their operations in line with their Compacts.

The delays in progressing Compacts were due to later than expected finalisation of the performance funding arrangements.