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Senator Siewert provided in writing. Question

Indigenous education and the national curriculum

In regards to the Stolen Generations Working Partnership, how is the Department of Education contributing to the Stolen Generations Working Partnership and what engagement has it had with the two national Stolen Generations bodies?

Answer

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) is a member of the Stolen Generations Working Partnership and as such is a contributor to the Stolen Generations Working Partnership Action Plan. The Department has also been represented at a Forum which was also attended by representatives of the National Sorry Day Committee and the Stolen Generations Alliance.

The National Sorry Day Committee has held discussions with the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), on references to the Stolen Generations in the history curriculum.