

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015**

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000229

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing.

Youth Support - Program Deliverables

Question

I refer to the program deliverables on page 61 of the PBS. Is the 90 per cent Year 12 retention target going to be met in the 2015-16 year? And after this time, will the Department or Government have any national target for school retention?

Answer

The Year 12 or equivalent attainment rate in 2007 is the baseline upon which the COAG target was agreed. The agreed data source for measuring the target indicated that the Year 12 (or equivalent) or Certificate II attainment rate was 83.5 per cent in 2007. The most recent data (May 2014) shows an attainment rate of 86.3 per cent in 2014. The Department will be in a position to determine whether the target has been met when the 2015 data is available in May 2016.

Under the 2014 National Education Reform Agreement, COAG agreed to a target of a Year 12 (or equivalent) or Certificate III attainment rate of 90 per cent by 2020.