

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

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Question

universal access work

Mr De Silva: So there is a 2014 review of the national quality agenda. Because Deloitte was already doing the work for the national partnership on universal access to early childhood education, it was actually more cost effective to use them to do some modelling in relation to the national quality agenda 2014 review process. So that is why they have been extended. The review process for that goes on until October. Senator LINES: So they have not been extended for the universal access work? Ms Wilson: No. Senator LINES: That is due to finish— Ms Wilson: They are due to report to the minister in June. Senator LINES: Deloitte will finish on 30 June? Ms Wilson: They are sort of doing both reviews in parallel. So they will finish their involvement in the universal access one and they will continue the work on the national policy framework. Senator LINES: So the universal access will finish 30 June? Mr De Silva: I need to check the exact dates, but the work they need to complete will be completed by 30 June.

Answer

Deloitte Access Economics was engaged to undertake the review of the National Partnership Agreement on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education and provided a draft report by 30 June 2014.