

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Career engagement and advice for students

Question

What work has been undertaken in relation to career engagement and advice for students in schools?

Answer

On 17 November 2016 the Hon Karen Andrews MP, Assistant Minister for Vocational Education and Skills, convened a national roundtable with key stakeholders to initiate discussions on the development of a National Career Education Strategy.

While career education, advice and resourcing arrangements are the responsibility of state and territory education authorities and individual schools, business and industry representatives at the roundtable expressed a view that more could be done to equip students with the knowledge and skills they need to successfully transition into further education, training or employment.

The Australian Government is working with the states and territories and the education, industry, parents, careers and youth sectors in a working group towards greater national consistency in supporting school students to make informed study and career choices.