

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Care**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0438\_15**

**Senator Lines provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Preschool funding**

The Assistant Minister's media release about the provision of the \$406 billion for universal access to preschool states: Ms Ley said today's announcement was "first and foremost" about giving parents and preschools certainty for the 2015 calendar year. {Hon Sussan Ley MP, 5 September 2014} Given there is still no details of which states and territories have accepted the Government's conditions for this funding, when will the details of the funding finally be made public?

**Answer**

The Prime Minister, the Hon Tony Abbott MP, wrote to state and territory Premiers and Chief Ministers on 28 October 2014 with a \$406 million formal offer of the extension to the National Partnership Agreement on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education for the 2015 calendar year. Once executed the extension to the National Partnership will be made available on the Federal Financial Relations website ([www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au](http://www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au)).