

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

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

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

Department of Education Question No. ED0576_15

Senator Wright provided in writing.

Question

Australian Education Act Review

1. How many organisations were invited to make submissions to the review of the command and control features of the Australian Education Act? Please provide the names of those organisations. 2. How many organisations were invited to attend consultations as part of this review? 3. When will the results of this review will be made public?

Answer

This is not a formal review of the *Australian Education Act 2013* (Act).

The Australian Government committed to consult with key stakeholders on possible amendments to the the Act to reduce the level of command and control. 33 organisations were invited to provide written submissions:

- New South Wales Government
- Victorian Government
- Queensland Government
- Western Australian Government
- South Australian Government
- Tasmanian Government
- Northern Territory Government
- Australian Capital Territory Government
- National Catholic Education Commission
- Independent Schools Council of Australia
- Christian Schools Australia
- Lutheran Education Australia
- Australian Association of Christian Schools
- Australian Education Union
- Australian Council of State School Organisations
- Australian Parents Council
- Steiner Education Australia
- Montessori Australia Foundation
- Australian Primary Principals Association
- Australian Secondary Principals Association
- Children with Disabilities Australia
- Association of Heads of Independent Schools Australia

- National Independent Special Schools Association
- Anglican Schools Australia
- Australian Association of Special Education
- Independent Education Union of Australia
- Australian Council of Jewish Schools
- Australian Association of Distance Education Schools
- Independent Primary School Heads of Australia
- Catholic Secondary Principals Association
- Australian Catholic Primary Principals Association
- Australian Special Education Principals' Association
- National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Principals Association

State and territory education departments, the National Catholic Education Commission and the Independent Schools Council of Australia have also participated in face-to-face meetings on the issue.

The Government has stated its intention is that amendments to reduce command and control elements of the Act will be introduced into Parliament in 2015.