

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

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

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Senator O'Neill asked on 22 October 2014 , Hansard page 118

Question

Nationally consistent disability data collection

Mr Cook: A number of reports have been commissioned to support the work around nationally consistent disability data collection. That is not necessarily by the government as such, because this is shared by all states and territories, as you are aware. The joint working group oversees that work, which happens to be chaired by the Commonwealth, as well as the states and territories and the non-government sector as well. Senator O'NEILL: Are those reports available publicly? Mr Cook: I am not sure. I am happy to take it on notice. They might be still informing education ministers, so at this point they may not be. I will have to check. Senator O'NEILL: If there are ones that have been completed, I would be very keen to see them. Ms Paul: They will probably be up on the websites, I should imagine. They are national reports. We can send an answer on notice and attach the links and so on.

Answer

There are two reports publicly available regarding the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD):

- report on the trial of a model for collecting nationally consistent data on school students with disability (PricewaterhouseCoopers 2011)
- report on the 2012 trial of the nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability This trial followed the trial conducted in 2011 and used a refined model for the data collection. (PricewaterhouseCoopers 2012).

These reports are available at www.education.gov.au/background-information-nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability.

On 3 December 2014, Senator Penny Wright tabled an order in the Senate for the production of the following documents relating to the NCCD:

- (a) the report on the results of the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on Students with Disability in 2013
- (b) the report on the results of the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on Students with Disability in 2014
- (c) the report by Ernst and Young on a National Quality Assurance Framework for the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on Students with Disability.

The motion was agreed to with the documents to be tabled no later than 3 pm on Monday 9 February 2015.