

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000857

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing

NCCD - quality of data

Question

Was the Department aware of concerns raised about the quality of data in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data during the collection process?

- If so, When did the Department first become aware of these issues?
- What measures were taken to address these concerns?

Answer

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) is a joint initiative of all Australian Governments and is being implemented under the auspices of Education Council Joint Working Group to Provide Advice on Reform for Students with Disability (the Joint Working Group).

As with any new collection, the quality of data collected is improving as the collection is progressively implemented. Concerns raised about the quality of the data have been recognised by the department and the Joint Working Group.

Substantial efforts have been made and continue to be made supporting ongoing improvements in the quality of NCCD data. This includes training and support to schools, development and continuous improvement of national NCCD professional learning resources and independent reviews to inform data quality improvements.