

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

**TOPIC:** National VET Guarantee

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Back

**QUESTION No.:** AI-51

Has either the Department or the Minister received correspondence from any state or territory, indicating concerns about the National VET Guarantee? If so, which states? What are their main concerns? Have any indicated that they will not be signing up to the Agreement as it currently stands?

**ANSWER**

Negotiations with states and territories on the revised National Agreement on Skills and Workforce Development (NASWD) and Skills Reform National Partnership (NP) are underway and the agreements will be considered at the Council of Australian Governments meeting in April 2012.