

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2009-2010**

Outcome 2 - Schools

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Senator Mason provided in writing.

Question

**NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON LOW SES STATUS SCHOOL
COMMUNITIES**

Given that COAG has signed up on the “National Partnership agreement on low SES status school communities” agreement in December 2008, promising to facilitate funding for, among others, reforms to give principals more autonomy and flexibility, what has been done or is planned to be done to make it happen?

Answer

The Commonwealth has worked with states and territories to finalise bilateral agreements and Implementation Plans under the National Partnership agreement on low SES status school communities. These set out a range of strategies to support reforms on principal autonomy and flexibility. Summary versions of the Implementation Plans are available on the DEEWR Smarter Schools website at www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/Programs/SmarterSchools/Pages/state.aspx