

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

**Outcome 3 - Higher Education, Research & International**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0284\_14**

**Senator Carr provided in writing.**

**Question**

***New South Wales higher education***

1. What progress has been made on the federal takeover of New South Wales higher education?
2. When did the Department provide advice to the Minister about taking over the New South Wales higher education system?
3. Since mid-December 2013 has the Department looked into how much the outstanding and projected superannuation liability is for New South Wales?
4. When did the Department provide this modelling to the Minister's office?
5. Has the Department or the Minister's office discussed this plan with the NSW department responsible for education or governing bodies of NSW universities?

**Answer**

1. Initial consideration of the issues and informal discussions with NSW have been undertaken.
2. The department provided a brief on this matter in December 2013, at the request of Minister Pyne's office.
3. Yes.
4. The modelling was provided as part of the 2014-15 Budget process.
5. Yes.