

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

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

**Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0295\_14**

**Senator Carr provided in writing.**

***Teacher Education Ministerial Advisory Group***

**Questions**

- a) When did the Minister ask the Department to set up a Ministerial Advisory Group on Teacher Training?
- b) What was the process for appointing the members of this group?
- c) Were all members recommended by the Department to the Minister?

**Answers**

- a) When did the Minister ask the Department to set up a Ministerial Advisory Group on Teacher Training?**

The establishment of a Teacher Education Ministerial Advisory Group is part of the election commitment 'practical skills for new teachers', set out in *The Coalition's Policy for Schools: Students First* released in August 2013.

- b) What was the process for appointing the members of this group?**

The department provided a list of names of potential members to the Minister for consideration. The appointment process followed the requirements of the Cabinet Handbook.

- c) Were all members recommended by the Department to the Minister?**

The Advisory Group membership was given due consideration by the Department and the Minister was appropriately briefed on the background and suitability of members.