

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. ED0389_14

Senator Wright provided in writing.

Question

Kesser Torah College

1. Have concerns about the financial viability of Kesser Torah College been raised with the Department since the end of 2012?
2. Has the Department undertaken any review of the College's financial position since then? a. If so, on what date, and what prompted that review?

Answer

The Australian Independent Schools (AIS) NSW Block Grant Authority Ltd rejected a capital grant application for Kesser Torah College in 2013 on the basis that they had doubts about the financial viability of the college to support the capital project. The assessment by the AIS NSW Block Grant Authority Ltd was in relation to the capital grant rather than the ongoing financial viability of the school.

The Department of Education undertakes a high level review of the financial strength of all non-government schools annually. Kesser Torah College was reviewed as part of this process. The review took place around October 2013.