

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Question

Global Partnership for Education program

Senator KROGER: I refer to the Global Partnership for Education program, which received—or was budgeted to receive—\$278 million between the years 2011 and 2014. I understand that you do not preside over that program and that it is one that is supported and organised through the aid program. But if I can seek your indulgence for a moment, were you consulted as the secretary of this department? Were you consulted over the considerable size of that investment? If you were not, was that department consulted as to the merit or the value of investing such a significant sum of money into that program? Ms Paul: I am not familiar at all with such a program. I did not know such a program existed. So no, I certainly have not been consulted. I am not actually aware of it at all. I could take on notice whether anyone else in the department had been approached, but I would be very surprised, given that I have not heard of it. So I think the answer is no.

Answer

No.