

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2003-2004 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

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Output Group: 1.1 – Funding for schools

DEST Question No. E269_04

Senator Carr asked on 5 June 2003, EWRE Hansard page 534

Question:

Why did the Commonwealth minister refuse to endorse a national statement of MCEETYA on the need for all governments to support government schools as a national priority?

Answer:

MCEETYA national statement

The Commonwealth considered it premature to endorse this statement as there had been limited consultation with the schools sector. The Commonwealth asked that AESOC engage in a process of broad consultation in each State and Territory in both government and non-government school sectors, including the National Catholic Education Commission, the National Council of Independent Schools' Associations, the Australian Parents Council, the Australian Council of State School Organisations, the National Anglican Schools Commission, Australian Association of Christian Schools, National Office of Lutheran Schools, Isolated Children's Parents' Association of Australia, Christian Parent Controlled Schools and the Australian Primary Principals Association and report out-of-session to MCEETYA following the consultations.