

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

**Outcome 2 - Schools**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0091\_11**

**Senator Mason provided in writing.**

**Question**

**PROGRAM 2.9: SMARTER SCHOOLS - IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY  
NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP**

What are the benchmarks against which the success of this NP is measured? How are they assessed? How are they enforced?

**Answer**

Agreed milestones in each Bilateral Agreement and Implementation Plans provide the benchmarks against which performance is assessed.

Each state and territory reports on a biannual basis against these milestones. These reports are then authenticated and verified using a range of data sources and processes from bilateral discussions with jurisdictions, teacher workforce data, individual program evaluations and other data available to the Australian Government.

The Reward payments of the Partnership will be made after achievement of agreed outcomes and/or milestones. These outcomes will be assessed by the COAG Reform Council and reported to COAG.