

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Outcome 2 – Schools and Youth

DEEWR Question No EW0142_13

Senator Nash provided in writing.

Question

National Career Development Strategy

- (1) Why has funding been cut to National Career Development Strategy?
- (2) Did the states and territories agree to the funding cut?
- (3) Where has the funding been 'redirected' to, as per the budget statement?

Answer

- (1) As part of the 2012-2013 Budget, savings of \$17 million over three financial years have been identified from uncommitted aspects of the National Career Development element of the National Partnership Agreement on Youth Attainment and Transitions to help return the budget to surplus. The Australian Government will still implement measures under the National Career Development Strategy with remaining funding of \$9.95 million.
- (2) The National Career Development element of the National Partnership is a Commonwealth Own Purpose Expenditure (COPE) and therefore it was not necessary to seek the agreement of states and territories to the changes.
- (3) The \$17 million has been redirected to ensure the budget returns to surplus, while delivering on the Government's major priorities.