Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2012-2013

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Question

School conduct

Senator MASON: That is fine, Minister. Thank you. How many cases have there been over the past five years where the department has had to investigate whether transactions entered into by a school were consistent with the conduct of a school that has conducted not-for-profit, the issue here? What has been the outcome of these investigations? Have any schools had their eligibility for funding revoked because they were found to be no longer operating not-for-profit, and have there been any other sanctions or arrangements to rectify problems that have been identified by the department? I understand that will have to be taken on notice. I do not think that you will give that off the top of your head. Ms Chin: I probably could give you a reasonable response to that and the answer is none. Senator MASON: That is a good answer. Ms Chin: I am happy to take that on notice and check the records. But to my knowledge the answer is none.

Answer

In the past five years, other than Malek Fahd Islamic School, there have been no other investigations into a school's not-for-profit status undertaken by DEEWR.