

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Mason provided in writing.

Question

University compacts

From a governance perspective, how do compacts fit in with the university's own strategic plan? What should prevail in the case of any inconsistency?

Answer

Compacts outline the distinct mission of each university. It is up to each university to decide what to include in its mission statement in the Compact. If a university changes its strategic direction and this results in an inconsistency with the Compact, there is provision to change the Compact.