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1 EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION REFERENCES COMMITTEE—REFERENCE

Senator Allison, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 5—That the following matter be referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee for inquiry and report by 11 August 2004:

The principles of the Government's schools funding package and the effect of these principles on:

- (a) the capacity of all schools to meet current and future school needs and to achieve the Adelaide Declaration (1999) on National Goals for Schooling in the Twenty-First Century;
- (b) the role and responsibility of the Federal Government, in partnership with state and territory governments, for quality, equity, efficiency and effectiveness in public funding for government and non-government schools across Australia;
- (c) the effectiveness of accountability arrangements for state, territory and Federal governments' funding of government and non-government schools; and
- (d) the application of the framework of principles for the funding of schools that has been endorsed by state and territory governments through the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs.

Senator Nettle, by leave, moved the following amendment:

Omit paragraph (b), substitute:

- (b) the role and responsibility of the Australian Government, in partnership with state and territory governments, for quality and equity in public funding for government and non-government schools across Australia and for promoting efficiency and effectiveness in the allocation of public funds for schooling, including effects on enrolment trends in the government and non-government sectors;

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put and passed.