

Education and Innovation Committee

Terms of reference : Review of state school attendance rates



The Education and Innovation Committee will:

1. consider and report on:
 - a) The final response by the Department of Education, Training and Employment to the Auditor-General's recommendations via the subsequent action plans and strategies identified;
 - b) The Department of Education, Training and Employment's progress on implementing the recommendations of both the Auditor-General and the committee in its report no. 7, and any other strategies that have been implemented to achieve higher attendance rates; and
 - c) The results to date of the strategies that have been implemented, including the current state-wide rates of student attendance.
 - d) The monitoring and management of students who have greater potential for experiencing educational disadvantage, including students with a disability, students with behavioural difficulties or mental health issues, and students from culturally diverse backgrounds.
2. consult with principals and attendance improvement teams regarding their view of the strategies that have been implemented to improve attendance rates, including the Auditor-General's recommended strategies, and any possible improvements;
3. consult with groups outside of the Department of Education, Training and Employment on their policies and strategies to manage and improve student attendance, including representatives from the Catholic and Independent school sectors, staff from the NSW and Victorian government departments, and Indigenous community leaders.