

Portfolio Committee No. 3
Inquiry into education for students with a disability or special needs in New South
Wales schools
Hearing: Monday 3 April 2017
Question on notice for People with Disability Australia

Follow up in response to a question to Dr Jessica Cadwallader regarding whether the Ombudsman had conducted an audit on class or kinds determinations.

Answer: There has not previously been an audit that has focused specifically on students with disability. However, as part of the Ombudsman inquiry into behaviour management in schools, the Deputy Ombudsman has arranged for the Strategic Projects Division to undertake an audit of these matters, under their 'keep under scrutiny' function (s25B of the *Ombudsman Act 1974*). The results of the audit will be included in the inquiry report, which will be provided to the Parliamentary Committee.

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