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Question

School funding for non-government schools in Queensland, Northern Territory and Western Australia

Senator O'NEILL: What is the total amount of funding that would be allocated under the act to non-government schools in Queensland next year compared to this year?

Mr Cook: Again, I will have to take that on notice; I am sorry. We are updating all the information, and that information will be available to us in the next week or two.

Senator O'NEILL: Would you be able to break that down school by school and also provide it for the Northern Territory and Western Australia? Ms Paul: That would be, in part, a matter for each of the states and the Catholic system, as we have described before. They then apply their own funding model. The Commonwealth does not seek to prescribe on a school-by-school basis, but we will take it on notice, because of course schools will be advised. As Mr Cook has said in this evidence before, the states and the Catholic systems are of course the responsible bodies for the final determination of how much goes to a particular school. Senator O'NEILL: But for the independent schools? Ms Paul: Yes, sure. Mr Cook: We can certainly do it for the independent schools for Commonwealth funding. Senator O'NEILL: If you could provide that for Queensland, the Northern Territory and Western Australia, that would be very helpful. Ms Paul: Sure.

Answer

The estimated total Commonwealth recurrent funding that non-government schools in Queensland, Western Australia and the Northern Territory attract is shown in the table below:

State / Territory	Estimated 2014 Commonwealth Recurrent Entitlement (\$)	Estimated 2013 Commonwealth Public Income (\$)
Queensland	1,744,475,522	1,671,941,545
Western Australia	869,611,840	830,586,306
Northern Territory	116,379,265	105,649,880

The attached Table includes funding at the level of the Approved Authority for Queensland, Western Australia and the Northern Territory (allocated under the *Australian Education Act 2013* as at 12 December 2013).

This information includes the estimated Commonwealth funding in 2013 and 2014, noting this is a provisional entitlement subject to change in 2014 once final enrolments and demographic information is known for each school.

Catholic and independent systems are the Approved Authority and are responsible for the final allocation of funding to schools within their system.