

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Agency: ACARA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000860

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing

ACARA - My Schools Data

Question

Referring to My School aggregated financial data, please provide total and per student funding for 2014 for each state and territory:

- a) Broken down by sector (government, Catholic, and independent);
- b) By source of funds (Australian Government, state/territory government, private – broken down by fees and other private sources);
- c) Disaggregate recurrent and capital funding.

Please also provide this information for each school.

Answer

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has provided the following response.

The attached spreadsheet contains the total and per student funding for 2014 by state/territory and sector split by funding source.

Capital expenditure involves the purchasing or improving of assets including equipment, property or buildings. Capital expenditure supports infrastructure used over many years and can change significantly from year to year, depending on the capital projects taking place at a particular school.

Interpreting capital expenditure data on a “per student” basis for a particular year can be misleading. It implies that all capital expenditure is consumed and utilised over one year. Capital expenditure is consumed and utilised over a longer period of time, benefitting students over many years rather than students enrolled in a given calendar year.

All of this information is sourced from the datasets created from the *My School* collections, that is currently available on the *My School* website.