

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000907

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah provided in writing.

Also refer to previous hearing Question No. SQ15-000888

Schooling Resource Standard (SRS)

Question

1. When considering the Schooling Resource Standard (SRS), how many schools are considered to be overfunded?
2. If overfunded schools were to have their funding reduced to be in line with the SRS, how much money would be saved overall?
3. How many schools are considered to be underfunded?
4. How much funding would be required to bring all underfunded schools up to the SRS?

Answer

1. Funding under the *Australian Education Act 2013* is determined at the approved authority level. Refer to previous Question on Notice SQ15-000888 for numbers of approved authorities for schools receiving more than 100 per cent of their Schooling Resource Standard (SRS).
2. As approved system authorities can redistribute funding to their member schools, the Department of Education and Training does not hold information on what individual schools receive and cannot compare these levels of funding.
3. Funding under *the Australian Education Act 2013* is determined at the approved authority level. Refer to previous Question on Notice SQ15-000888 for numbers of approved authorities for schools receiving less than 100 per cent of their SRS.
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