

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000961

Senator McKim, Nick asked on 20 October 2016, Proof Hansard page 54-55

Additional funding for students with disability measure

Question

Senator McKIM: Did all jurisdictions receive an increase and none a decrease?

Senator Birmingham: None received a decrease, because that was the approach we took—that insofar as allocating the additional money—

Senator McKIM: No jurisdiction worse off!

Senator Birmingham: we decided that, given concerns about the robustness of the data available, we wanted to honour our commitment that funding would be informed by this data, but we did not want to unfairly disadvantage a sector if we had qualms about the robustness of it. So it was allocated only on the basis of sectors and jurisdictions where there appeared to be a possible deficit as to whether any states received nothing and, if so, which ones, versus which ones got an increase. I cannot tell you off the top of my head.

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Senator McKIM: Could I ask either you or the department for a breakdown, on a jurisdictional basis, of the actual amounts allocated?

Dr Bruniges: I am happy to take it on notice.

CHAIR: And on a system basis.

Senator McKIM: Yes, and a system basis.

Answer

As part of the 2016–17 Budget the Australian Government announced an additional \$118.2 million for schools to support students with disability for the 2016 and 2017 calendar years. This funding is in addition to the students with disability loading provided through the *Australian Education Act 2013*.

The allocation of the additional funding for students with disability measure to the Government and Catholic sectors as announced at the 2016–17 Budget is at **Table 1**.

The Independent sector has been allocated \$22.55 million for the additional funding for students with disability measure for the 2016 and 2017 calendar years. The Department of Education and Training is working with the Independent sector on the allocation of the additional funding for this sector.

States and territories are also receiving an increase of over \$90 million in 2016 and over \$114 million in 2017 through the students with disability loading, as shown at **Table 2**, bringing total Government funding for students with disability to almost \$1.4 billion in 2016 and more than \$1.5 billion in 2017.

The total Commonwealth estimated students with disability loading for the calendar years 2016 and 2017 for each state and territory and sector is at **Table 3**.

Table 1: Additional funding for students with disability measure — allocation to the Government and Catholic and Independent sectors

Additional funding for students with disability measure*				
State	Sector	2016	2017	2 year total (\$'m)
		\$m	\$m	\$m
NSW	G	11.03	8.52	19.55
NSW	C	0.00	0.00	0.00
VIC	G	19.68	25.56	45.24
VIC	C	0.00	0.00	0.00
QLD	G	11.12	13.93	25.05
QLD	C	0.00	0.00	0.00
SA	G	0.00	0.00	0.00
SA	C	0.00	0.00	0.00
WA	G	1.83	2.45	4.28
WA	C	0.12	0.00	0.12
TAS	G	0.00	0.00	0.00
TAS	C	0.00	0.00	0.00
ACT	G	0.01	0.05	0.06
ACT	C	0.13	0.00	0.13
NT	G	0.57	0.69	1.26
NT	C	0.00	0.00	0.00
Australia	G	44.23	51.21	95.44
Australia	C	0.25	0.00	0.25
Australia	I**	10.60	11.95	22.55
Australia	All	55.09	63.16	118.25

* Calculated based on notional loading allocations as at 2016–17 Budget

** The department is working with the Independent sector on the allocation of the additional funding for this sector.

G = Government

C = Catholic

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Table 2: Additional students with disability loading funding 2016 and 2017

Additional students with disability loading funding 2016 and 2017*				
State	Sector	2016	2017	2 year total
		\$m	\$m	\$m
NSW	G	14.23	27.06	41.29
NSW	C	8.49	10.77	19.26
NSW	I	7.07	8.90	15.97
VIC	G	10.02	11.66	21.68
VIC	C	8.72	9.38	18.10
VIC	I	3.86	4.39	8.25
QLD	G	14.15	16.07	30.22
QLD	C	4.65	5.04	9.69
QLD	I	2.90	3.16	6.06
SA	G	3.05	3.28	6.33
SA	C	0.90	1.04	1.94
SA	I	1.71	1.82	3.53
WA	G	2.61	3.08	5.69
WA	C	1.77	1.97	3.74
WA	I	0.83	1.02	1.85
TAS	G	1.23	1.24	2.47
TAS	C	0.56	0.61	1.16
TAS	I	0.50	0.54	1.04
ACT	G	0.46	0.54	1.00
ACT	C	0.43	0.48	0.91
ACT	I	0.32	0.30	0.63
NT	G	1.05	1.09	2.14
NT	C	0.59	0.53	1.11
NT	I	0.40	0.52	0.92
Australia	G	46.80	64.02	110.82
Australia	C	26.11	29.81	55.92
Australia	I	17.60	20.64	38.24
Australia	Non-G	43.71	50.45	94.16
Australia	All	90.51	114.48	204.98

* Calculated based on notional loading allocations as at 2016–17 Budget

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Table 3: Commonwealth estimated students with disability loading 2016 and 2017 (recurrent funding model allocation)

Commonwealth estimated students with disability loading 2016 and 2017*				
State	Sector	2016	2017	2 year total
		\$m	\$m	\$m
NSW	G	163.98	191.04	355.03
NSW	C	178.04	188.80	366.84
NSW	I	118.42	127.32	245.74
VIC	G	134.65	146.32	280.97
VIC	C	151.27	160.65	311.93
VIC	I	52.37	56.75	109.12
QLD	G	118.00	134.07	252.08
QLD	C	86.27	91.31	177.58
QLD	I	50.75	53.92	104.67
SA	G	50.00	53.28	103.29
SA	C	29.94	30.98	60.92
SA	I	29.88	31.70	61.58
WA	G	41.17	44.25	85.42
WA	C	32.50	34.47	66.96
WA	I	22.17	23.19	45.35
TAS	G	17.00	18.24	35.25
TAS	C	8.60	9.20	17.80
TAS	I	6.84	7.38	14.22
ACT	G	8.26	8.80	17.06
ACT	C	7.05	7.54	14.59
ACT	I	8.66	8.96	17.62
NT	G	9.31	10.41	19.72
NT	C	5.92	6.45	12.38
NT	I	5.26	5.78	11.04
Australia	G	542.39	606.41	1,148.80
Australia	C	499.59	529.40	1,028.99
Australia	I	294.36	315.00	609.36
Australia	Non-G	793.95	844.40	1,638.35
Australia	All	1,336	1,451	2,787

* Calculated based on notional loading allocations as at 2016–17 Budget
Does not include \$118.2 million from the additional funding for students with disability measure

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