

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2007-08 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome 2

DEEWR Question No. EW58_08

Senator Nettle provided in writing.

Question

Funding of Schools

Also confirm that this amount includes ongoing increases in general recurrent grants. Could you separate this amount: how much of the \$42 billion is for general recurrent grants for government and non-government schools (provide separately). And could you break this down further for the effects of estimated:

- a. increase in enrolments;
- b. increase in new schools;
- c. annual increase in AGSRC; and
- d. other (please specify).

Answer

- The forward estimates include projected increases in general recurrent grants resulting from enrolment trends and annual indexation.
- In the current quadrennium General Recurrent Grants (GRG) comprise 83.1% of expenditure over the life of the agreement. GRG is a demand driven program, with the entitlement determined according to a range of factors including increasing enrolments and annual supplementation flowing from AGSRC.
- 26.1% of GRG is provided to government schools and 73.9% to non-government schools.
- The remaining 16.9% of funding in the current quadrennium is for capital and a range of targeted programs, to which a range of different indexation arrangements apply.