

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Allison asked on 20 February 2008, EEWL Proof Hansard page 57.

Question

School Funding

Senator ALLISON—How many schools had surpluses of over \$1 million?

Ms Northcott—I am unable to answer that question.

Ms Paul—We would have to take that on notice.

Senator ALLISON—Is it possible to get a full list of those and the amounts?

Ms Northcott—Yes.

Answer

The Department's annual Financial Questionnaire of non-government schools contains financial data that is collected as part of the Department's accountability framework and to provide statistical information for national education publications, reports and national bodies, for example: the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and MCEETYA's Australian National Report of Schooling in Australia.

This financial data collected by the Department is not an exhaustive summary of the financial accounts of non-government schools. As such, the Department does not collect data from non-government schools which would enable it to calculate 'operating surpluses'.