

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Outcome 2 – Schools and Youth

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Senator Mason asked on 31 May 2012, Hansard page 12

Question

New Gonski Modelling

Ms Paul: In a way, the tool has been made available to the people who want to manipulate it—the Catholics, the independents, the states and so on. Senator MASON: Sure, but the results of your analysis? Ms Paul: We do not really have any results to offer at this point. But if you want me to take it on notice and keep you posted on it, I am happy to do so.

Answer

Since this question was put to Senate Estimates, the Prime Minister announced on 3 September 2012 the Government's proposal for a National Plan for School Improvement to be negotiated with government and non-government education sectors.

Modelling tools will be used to assist education sectors to interrogate data as part of the process. Given these discussions are confidential, and the outcomes as yet unknown, it would be inappropriate to release any information pertaining to these discussions. However, the Government has reiterated its commitment that no school will lose a dollar per student as a result of any new funding model.