

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question

Gonski funding for NSW schools

Ms Paul: Just to be clear, we have just talked apples and oranges here. I will clarify that for you, Senator. The Commonwealth's offer of \$9.4 billion was made by the Prime Minister on 14 April. When you put the state money in, if they accept the offer, it would be \$14½ billion. From the \$5 billion for New South Wales, \$3.2 billion is Commonwealth. Senator BACK: So \$9.4 billion is Commonwealth? Ms Paul: It is \$3.2 billion for New South Wales that is Commonwealth; \$14.5 billion would be all public funding. Senator BACK: That is all states and territories, if they could put funds in. Ms Paul: Yes. Senator BACK: Just staying where we are at the moment, New South Wales has been offered \$5 billion of the \$9.4 billion from the federal government? Ms Paul: The \$5 billion includes their funding as well. So \$3.2 billion of that \$5 billion is Commonwealth funding. Senator Jacinta Collins: Senator Back, \$3.2 billion of that \$9.4 billion is I think what you were trying to get to. Ms Paul: Yes, well said. Senator BACK: Who is the \$3.2 billion from? Ms Paul: It is from the Commonwealth. Senator Jacinta Collins: The Commonwealth amount to New South Wales. Senator BACK: It is \$3.2 billion. Ms Paul: Yes, not counting indexation. Mr Cook: And the total amount of Commonwealth across the country is \$9.4 billion. The comparison points of the \$14.5 billion are: \$9.4 billion is Commonwealth; in New South Wales, \$5 billion of the \$14.5 billion is total public funding for New South Wales. Senator BACK: Of which New South Wales puts in how much? Mr Cook: It is \$1.8 billion, and the Commonwealth will put in \$3.2 billion. Senator MASON: So you will be able to give a figure for each individual year for New South Wales? Ms Paul: I will take that on notice. We will probably need to go to New South Wales. While those figures are part of the negotiation, they have not been made public, and we would need to go to New South Wales. Senator MASON: And in the ACT? Ms Paul: It is the same.

Answer

Of the \$5.0 billion additional public funding for NSW schools, the Commonwealth's contribution is \$3.2 billion and the NSW government is \$1.8 billion.

Further details of the year on year breakdown for funding to NSW schools can be found here: www.det.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/about-us/news-at-det/media-releases1/budget-2013-agreement.pdf.