

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

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

Outcome 2 – Schools and Youth

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**Senator Nash provided in writing.
Question**

School funding model - Regional and Remote Schools

1. Is the modelling which was leaked in August this year correct? Will the regional and remote schools listed in the leaked modelling lose funding under the new reforms? 2. Is there now alternate modelling available to finally advise regional and remote schools of the affect of funding changes on their schools? Or is there still 'no results' to offer? 3. Can you advise when the modelling will be released? Given legislation is said to be introduced this year surely the modelling will be released shortly?

Answer

Question 1

The Government has made a commitment that no school will lose a dollar per student as a result of any new funding model.

Question 2

The model is currently under discussion with state and territory governments and non-government education authorities.

Question 3

The timing of the release of the modelling is dependent on the progress of negotiations with the states and territories. There has been no time line set for the process apart from the stated aim of reaching agreement in time for the first COAG meeting in 2013.