

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 2 – Schools and Youth

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Question

Value of loadings for schools in regional, rural and small areas

Question 1: Senator MASON: You may need to take this question on notice, Mr Cook, or the department. Under the current funding model for non-government schools over a quadrennium, what is the current value in dollar terms of the loadings for schools that are located in regional areas? Mr Cook: I will take that on notice.

Question 2: Senator MASON: What is the value in dollar terms of the rural and small schools loadings being proposed under the new model for non-government schools over a quadrennium? Ms Paul: We will have to take that on notice, but noting that it is still subject to all the things we have said before.

Answer

Question 1

Non-government schools or school campuses located in 'Outer Regional Australia', 'Remote Australia' or 'Very Remote Australia', according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics 2006 Remoteness Structure, receive an additional 5 per cent, 10 per cent or 20 per cent respectively of the funding entitlement associated with their socioeconomic status score. The estimated cost of the Remoteness Loading over the 2009-2013 funding period is \$166.4 million.

Question 2

The dollar value of loadings for rural and small schools would be dependent on the final make-up of the model. The model is currently under discussion with state and territory governments and non-government education authorities.