

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

**Department of Education Question No. ED0012_14
Senator Carr provided in writing.**

Question

National Education Reform Agenda - funding for Queensland, Western Australia and Northern Territory

If Queensland had agreed to the NERA, what would have been the projected value of each funding loading state-wide, and for each school for each of the six years from 2014? Can the same information be provided for Western Australia and the Northern Territory?

In each of the next six years what level of indexation does the Department understand Queensland, Western Australia and the Northern Territory intend to apply to their education budgets? How does this compare to each jurisdiction that agreed to the NERA in each year?

Answer

The total Commonwealth commitment to Queensland, all sectors over the forward estimates is \$11.57 billion.

The total Commonwealth commitment to Western Australia, all sectors over the forward estimates is \$5.7 billion.

The total Commonwealth commitment to Northern Territory, all sectors over the forward estimates is \$922 million.

The indexation applied by WA, NT and Qld for their education budgets is a matter for the relevant state education authority.

It is a matter for the governments of each of these jurisdictions to determine the amount of funding to be provided to government schools. The estimated loadings breakdown which informed the development of the amount of total Commonwealth funding for each jurisdiction are provided in Table 1 below.

Table 1:
Proportion of funding attributable to loading type, Qld WA and NT (All sectors)

Loading	% of total funding (all sectors)		
	Qld	WA	NT
Base	74.0%	72.7%	45.3%
Low SES	11.1%	11.0%	8.8%
Indigenous	2.4%	2.8%	17.5%
SWD	7.0%	6.4%	7.4%
ELP	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%
Location	3.9%	5.0%	17.6%
Size	1.5%	2.0%	3.0%

Note – final amounts will be determined by actual student and school characteristics that will be updated during each year.