

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. ED0018_14

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question

Schools funding envelope

Before the election the Minister said “You can vote Liberal or Labor and you will get the same amount of funding for your school”. Can the Department advise if it is arithmetically possible to simultaneously implement a new school funding model, maintain exactly the same level of funding for every school as it would have received under the NERA, and avoid changing the funding envelope for schools in each State across the forward estimates?

Answer

The Government has committed to reinstating \$1.2 billion in schools funding over the forward estimates period, comprised of additional funding for Queensland (\$794.4 million), Western Australia (\$120.3 million) and Northern Territory (\$272.5 million) government schools.

By reinstating these amounts, the Commonwealth can offer the same level of funding as was offered by the previous government over the forward estimates.

Ultimately the resourcing of each government school will be a matter for the relevant state and territory.