

**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. ED0148\_14  
Senator Wright provided in writing.**

**Question  
Students with a disability funding loading**

Given that loadings for disability under the Better Schools plan have not been finalised, what arrangements are in place to fund support for students with a disability, in states which have signed up to an agreement under the Australian Education Act 2013?

For this interim purpose, how much is budgeted for the state, Catholic and independent sectors, in each state and territory?

**Answer**

For the 2014 school year an interim funding loading will provide additional support for government and non-government students with disability.

For students with disability in special schools this loading is 223 per cent of the Schooling Resource Standard amount for the school. For students with disability at other schools this loading is 186 per cent of the Schooling Resource Standard amount for the school.

These loading percentages apply to government, Catholic and independent schools.

The interim loading has been derived from the existing effort to support students with disability in Australian schools. This effort, provided from the Australian and state and territory governments, is estimated at over \$3 billion for 2014.