

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

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

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Senator O'Neill asked on 20 November 2013 , Hansard page 82

Question

Loadings for Queensland school funding

Senator O'NEILL: Are you able to provide the dollar value for each of the loadings that would have flowed to Queensland if they had signed up to the National Education Reform Agreement? Ms Paul: That is the basis on which funding will flow, so, yes, we can take that on notice and provide that. Senator O'NEILL: And provided in this sectors of disadvantaged students, school size, school location, disability—all of those elements that are identified. Mr Cook: Again, the dollar value will not change and has not changed, or at least the calculations for those dollar values are outlined in the Australian Education Act, but we can provide that information on notice.

Answer

The total Commonwealth commitment to the Queensland government sector over the forward estimates is \$4.45 billion.

The government is committed to removing the command and control elements of schools funding, as states and territories own and operate schools. They are responsible governments and answer to their own electors.

An estimate of the percentage value of the loadings in determining the calculation of the funding for Queensland is provided below. Note - final amounts are subject to the latest student and school characteristics that will be updated during 2014.

Table 1: Proportion of funding attributable to loading type, Qld Government Sector

Loading	% of total funding
Base	71.9%
Low SES	12.1%
Indigenous	2.7%
SWD	7.7%
ELP	0.1%
Location	4.0%
Size	1.5%