

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: Treasury
Question: AET 3852
Topic: School funding cuts
Reference: Written
Senator: Dastyari, Sam

Question:

\$30 billion in school cuts

With reference to BET 41 from Budget Estimates 2014:

1. Please update the table provided so that it reflects the impact of the changes school funding indexation rate over 10 years from the current financial year – out to 10 year projection from the current financial year.

2. Please break the table down to show how the savings will be apportioned between the states and between the government and non-government school sectors.

Answer:

41. Commonwealth recurrent funding for schools in the chart on page 7 of the 2014-15 Budget Overview:

\$ billion	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Difference ¹	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	3	4	4	5	5	6	28

Answer:

The change in the Commonwealth recurrent funding for schools was a 2014-15 Budget measure. Treasury has not re-costed the 10 year projection of the 2014-15 Budget measure, including for the 2015-16 financial year.

State allocations from the 2018 school year onwards are subject to formal negotiations between the Commonwealth, the states and the non-government sector.