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Senator: Wright

Question:

49. Senator WRIGHT: Can you tell me the reduction in total school funding for each state and territory for each year.

Mr Ray: I think it is the same answer. The splits of school funding out to 2017-18 are provided in Budget Paper No. 3, and beyond that there are no splits. It is not available because the negotiations with the states and territories have not even begun, get alone finished.

Senator WRIGHT: All right. Can you tell me, based on what was published in the budget papers last year, whether or not it is possible—I understand that I am asking for the difference between the two lines, essentially—to ascertain what the figure would have been on the higher line, and how that would have been disaggregated between states and territories on that line?

Mr Ray: I do not think any of us got have last year's budget papers—

Senator WRIGHT: I do not mean here; I am asking you to take it on notice.

Mr Ray: I do not think that it would be possible to get that information out of those budget papers because I do not think that that sort of information would have been published out beyond 2017. We do not think it was published but we will check.

Senator WRIGHT: Okay. You will look into it, though?

Mr Ray: We can check.

Senator WRIGHT: And, if it was, I would appreciate having that. Thank you very much.

Answer:

49. It is not possible to ascertain what the decade-long estimates of the higher line of the 'Schools' chart would have been from previous Budget documents, nor the disaggregation between the States and Territories. As Mr Ray indicated, the disaggregation between the States and Territories was not published in previous Budgets beyond 2016-17.