

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015**

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000050

Senator O'Neill, Deborah asked on 25 February 2015, Hansard page 26

Enrolment projections over the forward estimates

Question

Senator O'NEILL: Given that explanation, can I ask you to provide the revised enrolment projections over the forward estimates.

Ms Paul: We may be able to do that in outcome 2 for you, if you like.

Senator O'NEILL: I guess I am asking it now so that I can get a look at the information and then I might have some further questions when we get to outcome 2.

Ms Paul: Sure, if you like, but I do not know that we would have enrolment projections here now. No. We can do that under outcome 2 this afternoon.

Senator O'NEILL: If you can get some people to get it for you, and also for any period beyond—

CHAIR: Mr Cook, did you have something to add?

Ms Paul: Just to clarify, the very large difference is not necessarily enrolment, it is because the figures that we used in the modelling originally were 2011 figures which were grown out by indexation over a number of years. When we used the figures, we used 2013 actual data. So it is not as much enrolment; it is a projection of what we thought the characteristics of students would have been about three, four or five years ago. The big difference in the actual shift is not enrolment; it is from actually using demographic details of students as opposed to indexation projections. We can still provide you with the information. I am just clarifying that a very large proportion is actually—

Senator O'NEILL: The data is pretty different from what you expected, by the sounds of things. If we can get the projections of any period beyond that for which the enrolled projections are available—just extend it out as far as you can.

Mr Cook: I think we answered the question on notice about that last time. I will see if there is updated information.

Senator O'NEILL: Could I also ask for the provision of a breakdown of the revised consequential changes in the Commonwealth share of base funding that is referred to in MYEFO, page 47?

Mr Cook: We would have to take that on notice. That will require a bit of arithmetic to work that through. I can give you the actual numbers, in terms of differences between the states and the Commonwealth, but we will have to do some maths on the share.

Senator O'NEILL: A breakdown of that revised set of consequential changes.

Mr Cook: Yes, I can do that in outcome 2.

Answer

SQ15-000202 refers.