

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Agency: ACARA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000118

Senator Wright, Penny provided in writing

ACARA: Funding figures for government

Question

Please provide the following funding figures for government, Catholic and Independent schools by state and national for 2013:

- a) Average Australian Government recurrent funding per student
- b) Average state/territory government recurrent funding per student
- c) Average income from fees, charges and parent contributions per student
- d) Average income from other sources per student
- e) Total average gross recurrent income per student
- f) Total average net recurrent income per student
- g) Total Australian Government capital expenditure per student
- h) Total state/territory government capital expenditure per student
- i) Total government capital expenditure per student

Answer

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority has provided the following response.

Regarding questions a) – f), please see the table over the page.

Regarding questions g), h), and i), a response follows.

Capital expenditure is expenditure incurred when money is used to buy or improve assets such as equipment, property or buildings. Capital expenditure supports infrastructure used over many years and can change significantly from year to year depending on the capital projects taking place at a particular school. The financial resources available to schools are directly influenced by the nature of the school (including its location and profile), its programs, its operations as well as the level of its enrolments.

ACARA does not collect data for the purpose of 'per student' reporting for a particular year, as this form of reporting implies that all capital expenditure is consumed and utilised that year. It is in fact consumed and utilised over a long period of time benefiting students over many years rather than students of that particular year.

Year	State	School Sector	a) Average Australian Government recurrent funding per student	b) Average state/territory government recurrent funding per student	c) Average income from fees, charges and parent contributions per student	d) Average income from other sources per student	e) Total average gross recurrent income per student	f) Total average net recurrent income per student
2013	ACT	Catholic	\$6,239.32	\$1,896.72	\$3,206.33	\$655.95	\$11,998.32	\$10,997.71
		Government	\$2,000.73	\$12,153.83	\$474.53	\$164.78	\$14,793.87	\$14,793.87
		Independent	\$5,279.16	\$1,875.63	\$9,493.26	\$997.66	\$17,645.71	\$15,752.24
		Total	\$3,600.09	\$7,790.32	\$2,957.90	\$445.39	\$14,793.71	\$14,180.66
	NSW	Catholic	\$7,194.73	\$2,460.09	\$2,088.62	\$735.70	\$12,479.14	\$12,034.21
		Government	\$2,067.91	\$9,734.14	\$558.84	\$108.67	\$12,469.56	\$12,411.05
		Independent	\$5,688.89	\$2,281.57	\$10,419.92	\$1,287.18	\$19,677.56	\$17,587.81
		Total	\$3,598.02	\$7,195.22	\$2,411.05	\$412.73	\$13,617.03	\$13,163.71
	NT	Catholic	\$12,423.48	\$3,090.81	\$1,962.66	\$603.78	\$18,080.72	\$17,717.61
		Government	\$3,176.82	\$15,590.34	\$182.61	\$308.67	\$19,258.44	\$19,258.44
		Independent	\$9,327.18	\$3,064.63	\$4,933.09	\$619.02	\$17,943.92	\$17,291.88
		Total	\$5,218.21	\$12,183.97	\$1,123.34	\$391.34	\$18,916.86	\$18,773.64
	QLD	Catholic	\$7,136.74	\$2,191.81	\$3,248.26	\$628.21	\$13,205.03	\$12,009.48
		Government	\$1,701.95	\$9,970.78	\$275.74	\$289.88	\$12,238.35	\$12,238.35
		Independent	\$6,009.66	\$2,010.78	\$7,764.18	\$837.90	\$16,622.52	\$14,552.09
		Total	\$3,346.20	\$7,350.13	\$1,939.34	\$433.92	\$13,069.59	\$12,540.68
	SA	Catholic	\$7,414.58	\$1,997.78	\$4,225.03	\$418.14	\$14,055.53	\$13,163.19
		Government	\$2,205.78	\$10,532.26	\$460.06	\$239.65	\$13,437.75	\$13,314.61
		Independent	\$6,144.62	\$1,721.42	\$7,272.01	\$642.21	\$15,780.27	\$14,469.27
		Total	\$3,845.05	\$7,400.01	\$2,395.75	\$346.49	\$13,987.30	\$13,507.29
	TAS	Catholic	\$7,494.41	\$2,378.65	\$2,513.38	\$351.47	\$12,737.90	\$11,831.86
		Government	\$2,316.04	\$10,117.74	\$312.44	\$169.17	\$12,915.40	\$12,915.40
		Independent	\$6,085.29	\$2,196.97	\$8,119.31	\$776.54	\$17,178.11	\$15,684.79
		Total	\$3,636.46	\$7,885.95	\$1,574.59	\$269.28	\$13,366.27	\$13,041.05
	VIC	Catholic	\$7,180.62	\$2,151.85	\$3,242.32	\$514.78	\$13,089.58	\$11,853.02
		Government	\$1,878.48	\$8,279.20	\$591.13	\$455.00	\$11,203.80	\$11,203.80
		Independent	\$5,329.87	\$1,469.99	\$12,505.90	\$1,100.70	\$20,406.46	\$18,453.49
		Total	\$3,584.35	\$5,903.47	\$2,904.77	\$561.22	\$12,953.81	\$12,391.39
WA	Catholic	\$7,134.66	\$3,054.10	\$3,762.93	\$416.86	\$14,368.55	\$13,200.12	
	Government	\$1,986.98	\$12,227.22	\$319.87	\$183.74	\$14,717.82	\$14,715.41	
	Independent	\$5,672.66	\$2,711.21	\$8,734.63	\$907.83	\$18,026.32	\$15,647.55	
	Total	\$3,457.17	\$9,136.57	\$2,253.29	\$339.30	\$15,186.33	\$14,604.75	
National	Catholic	\$7,210.60	\$2,337.75	\$2,980.38	\$589.42	\$13,118.15	\$12,177.53	
	Government	\$1,964.83	\$9,900.60	\$459.99	\$250.71	\$12,576.13	\$12,548.57	
	Independent	\$5,748.21	\$2,042.41	\$9,766.54	\$1,033.34	\$18,590.49	\$16,601.30	
	Total	\$3,563.28	\$7,223.17	\$2,389.89	\$437.45	\$13,613.78	\$13,105.82	

Note – definitions are listed on the next page.

Field Codes	ACARA Description
State	This field refers to the location state of the school.
School Sector	This field refers to the sector code that the school belongs to.
Year	This field refers to the year the data is sourced from.
Data	Sum/Funded FTE refers to the sum of relevant income figure divided by the funded full-time equivalent enrolments to reach the per student amount.
a) Average Australian Government recurrent funding per student	This field refers to the amount of Australian Government recurrent funding calculated per student.
b) Average state/territory government recurrent funding per student	This field refers to the amount of State/Territory Government recurrent funding calculated per student.
c) Average income from fees, charges and parent contributions per student	This field refers to the amount of fees, charges and parent contributions calculated per student.
d) Average income from other sources per student	This field refers to the amount of funding received from other private sources calculated per student.
e) Total average gross recurrent income per student	This field refers to the gross recurrent income calculated per student.
f) Total average net recurrent income per student	This field refers to the net recurrent income calculated per student.