

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000235

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing

Students with disability

Question

Can you confirm that in the case of a higher than anticipated proportion of students with disability, or higher than predicted levels of need, this could leave students worse off?

Answer

From 2016, for the first time ever, Commonwealth funding will be informed by the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). This means all students with disability will be funded on the same basis, regardless of the state or territory in which they live.

The impact upon the allocation of funding for students with disability will be able to be determined in late 2015, after the completion of the 2015 NCCD, the first year in which all schools across Australia will participate in the collection.