

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Schools and Youth

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Independent Public Schools

Question

Senator McKIM: Mr Cook, could you run through what all the different jurisdictions are using the IPS money for?

Mr Cook: Sure—this is in very summary form.

Senator McKIM: Summary is fine. I am not after anything in depth.

Mr Cook: Would it be easier if I provided it on notice?

Senator McKIM: Yes, if you can put it on notice, that would be fine.

Mr Cook: Sure.

Answer

The table below outlines the key activities states and territories have committed to undertaking over 2013-14 to 2016-17 under the Australian Government's Independent Public Schools (IPS) initiative.

Additional detail about the activities being undertaken by states and territories are available in the IPS Project Agreements. The Agreements are available at:

<http://www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/content/npa/education.aspx>.

Australian Capital Territory	Capability improvement strategy for school leaders to increase high quality local decision making about, for example, finances and staffing.
Tasmania	Training and increased support to school/community members to increase parent/community engagement in school decision making and governance.
Victoria	Professional development for principals in strategic and operational management and training for school councils to take on enhanced governance roles.
Queensland	Professional development to build school leadership capability. Implementation of online system for devolved school budgeting. By 2017, 130 government schools to become IPS schools.
Northern Territory	Capacity building programme including training for schools to manage one-line budgets and exercise greater control over staffing. By 2017, up to 15 government schools to become IPS schools.
South Australia	Parental engagement week-long events and implementation of new time-limited performance management process. Training for governing councils to increase parental engagement and piloting of new performance management process.
New South Wales	Resource materials/training to facilitate enhanced community engagement and support for principals through working with expert principals to build leadership capacity.
Western Australia	Professional development for principals through the <i>IPS Leadership Program</i> and training for school board members through the <i>Empowered Governance Program</i> .