

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Schools and Youth**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000092**

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***School funding from 2018***

**Question**

In relation to school funding from 2018:

- a. If the overall school funding envelope is limited to growing by CPI plus population, but there is a model to re-distribute funds within that envelope – as the Minister has indicated – will this mean that some schools will have to get less than CPI + enrolment? By definition won't this will be necessary?
- b. Can the Government guarantee that post 2017, no school will receive less than CPI + enrolment funding growth?
- c. Can the Government guarantee that no school will go backwards in dollar terms?
- d. Can the Government guarantee that no state or no school sector will receive less than CPI + enrolment?

**Answer**

- a. The Australian Government has foreshadowed an indicative redistribution of funding from 2018, with greater consistency and fairness between jurisdictions, as a basis for formal discussions with all states and territories and non-government education authorities.  
  
The Commonwealth is the minority funder of government schools and final allocations for each government school are a matter for each state and territory government.
- b-c Government schools, Catholic systemic schools or schools in systems within the Independent sector redistribute funding among their member schools according to their own needs-based arrangements. No Commonwealth Government can give such a guarantee as it doesn't fund any of these schools directly.
- d. The Government has foreshadowed an indicative redistribution of funding from 2018, with greater consistency and fairness between jurisdictions, as a basis for formal discussions with all states and territories and non-government education authorities.