

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000110

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing

Parent Organisations

Question

In relation to parent's organisations:

- a. Does the Department currently provide any financial support to parent's organisations? If so, which ones?
- b. Why isn't support provided to Catholic Parents Australia – what is the rationale for that decision?

Answer

- a. Yes. The Australian Government has committed funding from 2015–16 to 2018–19 to three key national peak parent bodies:
 - Australian Council of State School Organisations (ACSSO) — representing parents of students from the government school sector
 - Australian Parents Council (APC) — representing parents of students from the non-government school sector
 - Isolated Children's Parents' Association (ICPA) — representing parents of students from regional and remote areas.
- b. The APC is the national peak body funded to represent the views of parents in non-government schools, including Catholic schools and has been since 1962.