

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

**Outcome: Schools and Youth**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000228**

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah, provided in writing.

***Catholic and Independent schools - total government funding***

**Question**

Are Catholic and Independent schools guaranteed specified shares of total government funding? What are the shares of total government funding estimated for Catholic and Independent schools for 2014-2017? What is the mechanism used to ensure that the shares of total government funding are maintained for Catholic and Independent schools? What adjustments are used to maintain the shares? Will these shares be maintained in the post-2017 funding arrangements?

**Answer**

Recurrent funding for schools is a demand-driven program calculated on a year-to-year basis with regard to the number of students and the characteristics of schools and students under the *Australian Education Act 2013*. The Guide to the Act provides more detail at: <https://aeaguide.education.gov.au>.

Current funding estimates for the 2018 school year onwards are indicative only. The Australian Government will release its position on schools funding from 2018 in due course.