Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome: Schools and Youth

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Additional funding to reach SRS in 2018

Question

How much additional funding would each state and territory government require in 2018 to reach its SRS in that year?

Answer

In the 2017–18 Budget the Australian Government announced new arrangements for schools funding from 2018 as part of its *Quality Schools* reforms.

There will be a 10 year transition to consistent Commonwealth funding commencing from 2018.

By 2027, all schools will be funded according to need on the same basis by the Commonwealth and attract consistent shares of the Schooling Resource Standard. These shares are:

- 80 per cent for non-government schools (up from an average 77 per cent in 2017)
- 20 per cent for government schools (up from an average 17 per cent in 2017)

The Australian Education Amendment Bill 2017 introduces a requirement on states where total public funding is below the SRS to at least maintain funding at the percentage of the Schooling Resource Standard represented by state funding allocations in 2017 (calculated using the new model settings applied to 2017).