

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000529

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing.

Commonwealth school funding increases

Question

Please detail what proportion of Commonwealth school funding increases each year from 2016 to 2020 are due to indexation, what proportion of the increase is due to additional funding to help schools and systems reach the SRS, and what proportion is due to enrolment growth.

- a. From 2016 to 2017 please provide in dollar terms what amount of the funding increase is due to indexation, how much of the increase is due to additional funding to help schools reach SRS (in dollar terms) and how much (in dollar terms) is due to enrolment growth.
- b. From 2017 to 2018 please provide in dollar terms what amount of the funding increase is due to indexation, how much of the increase is due to additional funding to help schools reach SRS (in dollar terms) and how much (in dollar terms) is due to enrolment growth.
- c. From 2018 to 2019 please provide in dollar terms what amount of the funding increase is due to indexation, how much of the increase is due to additional funding to help schools reach SRS (in dollar terms) and how much (in dollar terms) is due to enrolment growth.
- d. From 2019 to 2020 please provide in dollar terms what amount of the funding increase is due to indexation, how much of the increase is due to additional funding to help schools reach SRS (in dollar terms) and how much (in dollar terms) is due to enrolment growth.

Answer

It is not possible to isolate indexation; enrolment growth, including changing levels of disadvantage; and additional funding to help schools and systems reach the Schooling Resource Standard. These factors are all interdependent.