Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000532

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing.

Proportion of schools that are funding maintained

Question

What proportion of schools that currently receive (a) over 120% SRS and (b) over 150% SRS were funding maintained?

Answer

Under current arrangements funding is provided at the Approved Authority level rather than at the school level. Comparisons with schools that were previously 'funding maintained' under the funding model that existed prior to 2014 are only possible for Approved Authorities that have a single school within them.

Of the Approved Authorities for only one school:

- a) 53.8 per cent of authorities with estimated 2017 funding above 120 per cent of the Schooling Resource Standard (SRS) were previously identified as 'funding maintained'.
- b) 82.1 per cent of authorities with estimated 2017 funding above 150 per cent of the SRS were previously identified as 'funding maintained'.

This estimate assumes that state and territory governments provide funding in line with the National Education Reform Agreement and the *Australian Education Act 2013*.