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Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question

Loadings for students with additional needs

Senator MASON: Economics was never my strong point. With respect to information about additional loadings expected to be provided for students with additional needs from 2014—is it possible for the department to provide us the precise Commonwealth contribution in funding available for each type of loading over the forward estimates, including by sector? Is that possible, Mr Cook? Mr Cook: I will take that on notice. One of those issues will be, obviously, where we land with states and territories. In terms of the offer, I think we can. I can give you some global figures at the moment if that is useful—what we think each of the loadings would be out of all the total public funding over the next six years. Does that help at all? The figures I have available to me right now talk about—of all public funding that is going to go to all schools in Australia over the next six years— Senator MASON: No, not six years. It is year by year. Mr Cook: We will have to take that on notice. Senator MASON: We get the global figure but never the year by year figure. Ms Paul: But if you want to get a sense of proportionality between the loadings, this would give it to you—which loadings will deliver more than others. It depends on what you are after. If you are just after next year, then we will take it on notice. Mr Cook: So the low SES loading, for example, is about 11 per cent of the total funding available to all schools in Australia. Of all the loadings, it is the loading that provides the greatest amount of additional funding. Senator MASON: You will take on notice the question about year by year loadings? Mr Cook: Sure. Senator Jacinta Collins: Remember we are assuming state sign-on. Senator MASON: I know that and you have made it very clear. Mr Cook: We will do it based on the offer.

Answer

It is not possible to provide a final estimate of loadings split on a state, sector and year-by-year basis, as they are subject to final negotiations with states and territories. Further, the value of each loading will be updated as the reform is implemented to reflect changing and updated school and student characteristics.

Provided below however is a breakdown of loadings, in percentage terms, under the SRS model based on data from My School 2011.

Table: loading as proportion of total funding, by Sector.

Government	Government	Catholic	Independent	Total
Base	72.4%	77.6%	81.6%	74.2%
Low SES	11.8%	10.0%	7.4%	11.1%
Indigenous	2.1%	0.9%	1.2%	1.8%
SWD	8.7%	7.1%	5.8%	8.2%
ELP	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%
Location	3.0%	2.6%	1.7%	2.8%
Size	1.8%	1.6%	2.1%	1.8%