

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

Department of Education Question No. ED0214_15

Senator O'Neill provided in writing.

Question

Portfolio Budget Statement Program 2.1

On page 50 there are projections for enrolments. How are these enrolment projections done, and by which department?

Answer

The Department of Education produces school enrolment projections by sector and school level for input into the Portfolio Budget Statement.

Two sets of projections are generated:

- One set relates to full-time school enrolments and covers all school students enrolled full-time; and
- The second set relates to funded-enrolments and only applies to the full-time equivalent load of students attracting funding under the *Australian Education Act 2013*. For example, full-fee paying overseas students are not included in this set.

Enrolment projections are generated using a two-step process. First, projections are produced for students in the first grade of school by applying an Enrolment Growth Ratio, and then the projections for the other school years are generated using Grade Progression Ratios.