

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. ED0217_15

Senator O'Neill provided in writing.

Question

Non-government schools resources

Program 2.2 on page 51 of PBS shows non-government schools will receive \$11.3 billion in 2017-18. a. How has that funding been calculated? What formula? Is it the same as the formula applied to government schools? b. For the 2017-18 year, how is the enrolment growth factored into the funding for the 2017-18 year? c. For 2017-18 onwards, how will enrolment increases be incorporated into the funding formula for schools?

Answer

Commonwealth recurrent funding for all government and non-government schools is calculated in accordance with the needs-based arrangements in the *Australian Education Act 2013*.

Enrolment growth rates are factored into the estimated funding calculations for 2017-18.

From 2018 onwards, enrolment growth will be applied to increases in Commonwealth recurrent funding.

From 2018, the total spending formula will be Consumer Price Index plus enrolment growth.