

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. ED0218_15

Senator O'Neill provided in writing.

Question

Analysis on reducing the growth to CPI

Has the Department done any analysis of how reducing that growth to CPI – which Treasury forecasts to be 2.5 per cent in 2017-18 and which is currently less than 3 per cent – affects the capacity of schools to operate?

Answer

The Australian Government does not have role in the administration or operation of schools.

Education authorities are responsible for the operation and management of their schools, including decisions about staffing and programmes and have budget flexibility to allocate funds as they see fit. Further, education systems are responsible for determining how funding is allocated across their schools.