

## 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. ED0231\_15

Senator O'Neill provided in writing.

#### Question

#### Class size

1. What is the average class size in an Australian school? What is the average class size in each state and territory? And what is the average class size in government, Catholic and independent schools in each state and territory? What have been the trends in class sizes over the last 10 years?

#### Answer

Average class size data is not available for all schools. Average class size is reported in the annual OECD publication, Education at a Glance based on a survey of government and non-government schools. Not all schools respond or are able to provide the data requested. Data are scaled using the Australian Bureau of Statistics national schools census data and should, therefore, be considered as indicative only. Breakdowns by state and territory schools and Catholic and independent schools are not available.

#### Average class size in Australia, by type of institution and level of education

	Primary			Lower Secondary		
	Public	Private	Total: Public and Private Institutions	Public	Private	Total: Public and Private Institutions
2000	24.86	25.93	25.04	23.59	22.18	23.52
2001	.	.	.	.	.	.
2002	.	.	.	.	.	.
2003	22.70	26.03	23.76	22.16	26.22	24.72
2004	24.16	24.53	24.26	24.39	25.73	24.85
2005	23.99	24.08	24.02	24.49	25.53	24.86
2006	23.30	25.57	23.92	23.23	25.30	23.96
2007	23.29	25.12	23.81	23.10	25.12	23.82
2008	23.25	24.94	23.73	22.98	24.68	23.61
2009	23.22	24.77	23.67	23.04	24.67	23.66
2010	23.20	24.94	23.71	22.81	25.33	23.75
2011	23.00	24.82	23.54	22.58	25.04	23.51

Source: OECD, Education at a Glance, OECD indicators, various issues