

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Question

PISA report

Senator WRIGHT: I am interested in asking about the differential between the most advantaged and the most disadvantaged schools in Poland. You are telling us about the per head expenditure, but I would actually like to know where they sit on a range. Is it like that or is it like that? Mr Cook: That information would be available in the PISA report. We are happy to take that on notice.

Answer

Comparative Performance in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA): Poland and Australia

In PISA 2012, 19.6 per cent of the overall variation in Poland's performance in mathematics was observed *between* schools, compared with an average of 37 per cent across OECD countries, and 30.7 per cent in Australia.

For Poland, the relationship between students' socio-economic status and their performance in PISA 2012 was not statistically different from the OECD average, accounting for 16.6 per cent of variance in mathematics performance.