

## 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. ED0325\_15

Senator McKenzie asked on 4 June 2014, Hansard page 114

#### Question

##### Students attending non-government schools

Senator McKENZIE: Could you remind the committee again what the figures are, by state, of the number of parents who decide to have their child educated in a non-government school? Mr Cook: I will have to take that on notice, sorry. The number of parents—do you mean the number of schools or the number of children? Senator McKENZIE: What percentage of Victorian students, for instance, attend non-government schools, and a global figure. Ms Paul: Globally, across the nation, it is about 30 per cent attend a non-government school. Mr Cook does have the breakdown. Mr Cook: The 'parent' threw me a little bit there. CHAIR: Primary and secondary, if you can differentiate. Mr Cook: I have only got it by sector, I am afraid; I can take on notice, primary and secondary. I can go by state and territory or would you like global? Senator McKENZIE: I have got global—30 per cent. Mr Cook: Of the 3.6 million students in 2013, 65 per cent of those went to the government sector, 21 per cent to the Catholic sector and 14 per cent to the independent sector. Senator McKENZIE: I would prefer it by state as well, please. Mr Cook: New South Wales has 65 per cent government, 22 per cent Catholic, 13 per cent independent; Victoria has 63 per cent government, 23 per cent Catholic, 14 per cent independent; Queensland has 67 per cent government, 18 per cent Catholic, 15 per cent independent; South Australia has 64 per cent government, 18 per cent Catholic, 16 per cent independent; Western Australia has 66 per cent government, 19 per cent Catholic, 18 per cent independent; Tasmania has 70 per cent government, 18 per cent Catholic, 11 per cent independent; Northern Territory has 73 per cent government, 12 per cent Catholic, 15 per cent independent; and the ACT has 57 per cent government, 28 per cent Catholic and 14 per cent independent. Senator McKENZIE: So the ACT has the highest uptake of non-government education. Mr Cook: That is correct—57 per cent government and 43 per cent non-government. Senator McKENZIE: I think that is all I have for 2.2. CHAIR: I would check some of those figures, Mr Cook. I am up to 103 per cent in the case of WA. Mr Cook: Some of those will be rounding. CHAIR: They would have to be.

#### Answer

Schools enrolment data are published annually by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) in *'Schools Australia'*. The tables below, which are based on data from the ABS publication, show the number and proportions of full time equivalent students by education level, school sector and state enrolled in Australian schools in 2013.

**Table 1: Full-time equivalent (FTE) student enrolments by state and sector, 2013**

	Government		Catholic		Independent		Total
NSW	755,346	65%	251,370	22%	147,444	13%	<b>1,154,159</b>
Vic	554,782	63%	201,804	23%	126,111	14%	<b>882,696</b>
Qld	509,671	67%	141,048	18%	113,585	15%	<b>764,304</b>
SA	167,614	64%	48,651	19%	46,046	18%	<b>262,311</b>
WA	253,953	66%	68,551	18%	63,240	16%	<b>385,744</b>
Tas	56,491	70%	14,778	18%	9,138	11%	<b>80,406</b>
NT	29,441	73%	4,813	12%	6,232	15%	<b>40,486</b>
ACT	36,383	57%	17,795	28%	9,155	14%	<b>63,333</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,363,681</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>748,808</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>520,949</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>3,633,439</b>

Source: ABS (2013) Schools Australia 2013, cat. no. 4221.0, Table 43a

Notes: Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding

**Table 2: Full-time equivalent (FTE) primary student enrolments by state and sector, 2013**

	Government		Catholic		Independent		Total
NSW	448,759	69%	128,763	20%	69,634	11%	<b>647,156</b>
Vic	330,487	67%	108,392	22%	51,244	10%	<b>490,123</b>
Qld	331,161	70%	83,546	18%	58,557	12%	<b>473,263</b>
SA	106,175	66%	28,296	18%	25,982	16%	<b>160,454</b>
WA	175,826	70%	41,316	16%	33,886	13%	<b>251,028</b>
Tas	31,809	73%	7,621	17%	4,167	10%	<b>43,597</b>
NT	18,855	78%	2,800	12%	2,589	11%	<b>24,244</b>
ACT	20,587	61%	9,064	27%	4,341	13%	<b>33,991</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,463,658</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>409,798</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>250,400</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>2,123,856</b>

Source: ABS (2013) Schools Australia 2013, cat. no. 4221.0, Table 43a

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**Table 3: Full-time equivalent (FTE) secondary student enrolments by state and sector, 2013**

	Government		Catholic		Independent		Total
NSW	306,587	60%	122,607	24%	77,809	15%	<b>507,003</b>
Vic	224,295	57%	93,412	24%	74,867	19%	<b>392,574</b>
Qld	178,511	61%	57,502	20%	55,028	19%	<b>291,041</b>
SA	61,439	60%	20,355	20%	20,064	20%	<b>101,858</b>
WA	78,127	58%	27,235	20%	29,354	22%	<b>134,716</b>
Tas	24,682	67%	7,156	19%	4,971	14%	<b>36,809</b>
NT	10,586	65%	2,013	12%	3,643	22%	<b>16,242</b>
ACT	15,797	54%	8,731	30%	4,814	16%	<b>29,341</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>900,023</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>339,011</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>270,549</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>1,509,583</b>

Source: ABS (2013) Schools Australia 2013, cat. no. 4221.0, Table 43a

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