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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question

Disability loadings

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Mr Cook, you gave us an answer to the select committee of the disability loading over the four years. Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I am interested in having that broken up a bit further. I think you gave me the 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 1.3 bill, which came to a total of four point whatever it was, off the top of my head. Mr Cook: Commonwealth is 4.8 per cent. Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Can you give that to me in terms of the growth in spending year by year? Mr Cook: I will have to calculate that in my head at the moment. Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Yes. Mr Cook: I do not want to embarrass myself about being innumerate. Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I roughly calculated it to be, of course we only had the 1.1 versus the 1.3 bill, a growth over four years of about 18 per cent. Am I in the ballpark? Mr Cook: Yes, I believe you would be. Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I would be interested to understand that a bit more carefully in terms of how it grows over those four years. From the first year to the second year is how many per cent? The second year to the third year is how many per cent? I did not have the precise figures, so it was hard to calculate that. Mr Cook: The loadings will be based on the growth in the per student amount. Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Yes. Mr Cook: The per student amount grows by 3.6 per cent per year—9,700 for primary and 12,000 for secondary. And the loading then feeds in to that Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Yes. So it is just 3.6 times four years, is it? Mr Cook: Basically, yes. Senator JACINTA COLLINS: At the end of the four-year transition period, that will then drop to 2.5 per cent. Is that right? Mr Cook: The CPI is what the indexation growth would be, as enrolment growth. It depends on numbers as well. So if there are more students with disability in the sector— Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Let's talk in per student amounts. Mr Cook: For student amounts, growth would be the indexation rate. That is correct. Senator JACINTA COLLINS: For the four-year period, it has been growing at 3.6 per cent. Mr Cook: Yes, 3.6 per cent. Senator JACINTA COLLINS: And when we change to the CPI indexation measure, as currently forecast, that will drop to 2.5 per cent. Mr Cook: That would be correct. Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Can you give me the precise figures rather than the 1.1 bill, on notice? Mr Cook: Sure, we can take that on notice. I thought I had figures, but I only have them rounded up.

Answer

The estimates of the Commonwealth funding (\$ million) for the Student with Disability loading by sector by financial year are as follows:

State	Sector	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Total over FEs
NSW	G	145.6	160.4	182.5	194.2	682.8
NSW	C	150.4	158.6	167.7	175.0	651.7
NSW	I	83.3	87.1	92.0	95.9	358.3
VIC	G	116.4	127.5	136.1	138.4	518.4
VIC	C	125.3	132.4	139.4	145.0	542.1
VIC	I	37.7	40.0	42.4	44.4	164.5
QLD	G	86.9	100.1	114.9	125.2	427.1
QLD	C	66.6	70.2	73.7	76.4	286.9
QLD	I	35.4	37.5	39.7	41.4	154.0
SA	G	44.4	46.9	49.5	53.3	194.2
SA	C	27.1	28.4	29.8	30.7	115.9
SA	I	20.9	21.9	23.0	23.9	89.6
WA	G	36.0	40.7	45.2	56.1	178.0
WA	C	31.9	33.8	35.6	37.1	138.4
WA	I	13.7	14.7	15.6	16.3	60.2
TAS	G	13.5	14.6	15.7	16.4	60.2
TAS	C	5.9	6.3	6.8	7.2	26.2
TAS	I	4.4	4.8	5.2	5.4	19.9
ACT	G	6.8	7.1	7.4	8.9	30.2
ACT	C	5.4	5.8	6.2	6.5	23.8
ACT	I	7.3	7.5	7.8	8.0	30.6
NT	G	11.0	12.0	13.2	13.0	49.2
NT	C	3.7	4.0	4.3	4.5	16.5
NT	I	2.8	3.0	3.3	3.4	12.5
Australia	G	460.5	509.4	564.7	605.7	2,140.2
Australia	C	416.3	439.5	463.5	482.3	1,801.6
Australia	I	205.4	216.5	228.8	238.7	889.5
Australia	All	1,082.3	1,165.3	1,257.0	1,326.7	4,831.3

Source:

Department of Education combined projections as at 2014-15 Budget