Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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Outcome: Schools and Youth

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School total loadings for participating states

Question

Senator O'NEILL: When will this information, including the more detailed information about the school total loadings for the participating states, be publicly available?

Mr Cook: I will have to take that on notice. We will have to get the information. We will have to look at the information. We will have to do our normal process in relation to that.

Senator O'NEILL: Is there a requirement for the—

Mr Cook: I do not think it is a requirement under the act, actually, to make the information public. But I am happy to that on notice.

Senator O'NEILL: Could we find out from the minister if he will make a commitment to publish the information when it is received? I am sure there is national interest in it. Mr Cook: I am happy to take it on notice. Again, this information will be public because this information will be on the My School website.

Answer

The Australian Education Act 2013 (the Act) requires the Minister to table a report in Parliament relating to any financial assistance paid in a given year under the Act. There is no stipulated timing for the tabling of information relating to financial assistance paid under the Act.