

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000430

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Needs based funding model in 2017

Question

In evidence to the committee hearing on June 4 the department said that, for budgetary purposes, it had allocated funding for 2018 and beyond to states as a fixed proportion of their "fully loaded needs based funding model". What is the proportion that each state and territory will receive in 2017 on current projections?

Answer

As at 2015-16 Budget, the proportion of the total Schooling Resource Standard (SRS) that each state and territory will receive in 2017 is shown in Table 1. The proportion of Commonwealth funding varies by jurisdiction according to negotiated transition outcomes and historical funding patterns. These proportions also reflect the fact that state and territory governments are the majority funder of government schools.

The fixed proportion of the SRS that has been allocated to each state and territory under the Australian Government's foreshadowed redistribution policy relates to the level of Commonwealth funding reached in 2018.

Consistent with the explanatory note in the 2015-16 Budget, final state allocations from the 2018 school year onwards are indicative only and subject to formal negotiations between the Commonwealth, states and territories and the non-government sector.

Table 1 – 2017 Commonwealth funding as a percentage of total needs-based SRS, government sector schools by state/territory

	Total Commonwealth funding % total SRS (2017)
NSW	17.6%
VIC	17.0%
QLD	18.0%
SA	15.8%
WA	13.0%
TAS	18.4%
ACT	16.7%
NT	23.1%