

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000557

Senator O'Neill, Deborah provided in writing

School base funding and loadings

Question

In relation to the information the Department collects about each school's base funding and loadings under the Australian Education Act s35, can the Department please provide, when information is received:

For each school in the country:

- (a) the school's student with disability loading for the year;
- (b) the school's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander loading for the year;
- (c) the school's low socioeconomic status student loading for the year;
- (d) the school's low English proficiency loading for the year;
- (e) the school's location loading for the year;
- (f) the school's size loading for the year;
- (g) the school's base funding for the year.

Answer

The department is currently collecting information from approved authorities in relation to their reporting requirements under sections 35 and 36 of the *Australian Education Regulation 2013*. Under section 127 of the *Australian Education Act 2013* (the Act) the Minister must produce a report dealing with financial assistance paid in the previous year under the Act. In previous years this report was the "Reports on financial assistance for schools in [year]", otherwise known as the "Green Report".

2014 is the first year to be reported under the Act and the department is currently considering the format and content of this report. The report will be made available when the information and format is complete.