

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Schools and Youth

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Funding provided to Victorian Schools

Question

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: As a rough guess, what proportion of the funds provided to Victorian government schools would be Commonwealth funds?

Mr Cook: That would be available on the My School website at a school level.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Yes, but I am wondering at a system level.

Mr Cook: At a system level, I would have to take on notice because we would have to break down the funding. I am happy to take that on notice.

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Senator JACINTA COLLINS: So you will come back to me on notice about what proportion of the

Victorian government schools—

Mr Cook: If I look at the national figure, in terms of funding to government schools, about 18 per cent of that at the moment comes from the Commonwealth. Back four or five years ago, I think it would have been, when this was focused, it was a much lower percentage. It would have been probably about 12 per cent or 13 per cent. Victoria, of course, depending on whatever the model was, might have had slightly less or slightly more, because every state or territory is different.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: That is right.

Mr Cook: We can take it on notice. Would you like to know for that approximate period? We would have to project back five years, I think.

Answer

According to the 2016 Report on Government Services (Table 4A.8), the Commonwealth's contribution to total public recurrent expenditure on Victorian government schools was:

- 11.5 per cent in 2009–10
- 14.3 per cent in 2013–14.