

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000650

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Estimates of costs of Australian Labor Party position by state, sector and year

Question

Senator O'NEILL: I want to talk about the department's engagement. Did the department provide that \$22.3 billion figure as the difference between Labor and the government's arrangements that was in this fact sheet put out by PM&C?

Mr Cook: It would have been modelling. I am assuming that would have been part of the work we have done. I do not know what the assumptions are underneath it. For example, I do not know whether the assumption is that Queensland was participating, when in fact it was not. So I would have to take that on notice. I am sorry, but I do not know whether the assumption under there is that Queensland, WA—

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Senator O'NEILL: With the work you are taking on notice, could you provide a breakdown of the \$22.3 billion difference between the government package and the Labor package, by year, from 2018 to 2027?

Mr Cook: I am happy to take that on notice.

Senator O'NEILL: On notice, could you also break down the \$22.3 billion difference between the government package and Labor's package by each state and territory?

Mr Cook: Yes.

Senator O'NEILL: And could you break down that \$22.3 billion difference between the government package and our package by public school, Catholic school, and independent school?

Mr Cook: Ours is on approved authorities, but I am happy to take that on notice, and we will see what we can do.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: When we say 'Catholic school', we are talking about systemic as opposed to independent. So you can put the Catholic independents into the independent class, if you know what I am saying.

Answer

The \$22.3 billion was calculated by comparing the *Quality Schools* package announced in the 2017–18 Budget to an approach of 'continuing current arrangements.'

When the *Australian Education Act 2013* was introduced, it was designed to fund non-participating states and territories, which had not signed up to the National Education Reform Agreement (NERA), in a different way. In calculating 'continuing current arrangements' the department has assumed that all states and territories are funded as 'participating' under the Act, when only NSW, the ACT and SA fully signed up to the NERA and are defined as participating under the Act.

The \$22.3 billion was arrived at based on assumptions that included:

- All states and territories have been treated as participating under the Act, which provides 4.7 per cent indexation to approved authorities below the Schooling Resource Standard (SRS), 3.6 per cent indexation to those on the SRS, and 3 per cent to those above the SRS.
- All states and territories are provided with the additional funding under the NERA, regardless of whether they have signed the agreement or whether they have met commitments on state/territory funding.

The table below provides a breakdown of the additional \$22.3 billion by state/territory and sector.

Additional Commonwealth funding required if existing arrangements were continued, including treating all jurisdictions as if they were signatories to the NERA, compared to 2017–18 Budget funding model by state/territory and sector, 2018–2027 (\$m)

Note: Based on 2017–18 Budget data, which includes enrolment growth. Continuing the existing arrangements assumes (a) current indexation arrangements under the Australian Education Act 2013 (assuming all states are 'participating') are maintained over 2018 to 2027 and (b) additional funding under the NERA is maintained for the life of the agreement to 2019. The 2017-18 Budget funding model is based on a ten year transition for schools below the Schooling Resourcing Standard.

State	Sector	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
NSW	G	218	491	513	544	578	616	656	699	746	796
NSW	C	30	59	80	109	131	137	144	150	157	165
NSW	I	15	33	35	42	47	53	58	63	67	69
NSW	All	263	583	629	694	756	806	857	912	970	1,030
VIC	G	-64	614	643	677	712	750	790	833	879	928
VIC	C	30	59	86	122	149	164	179	195	212	231
VIC	I	8	15	15	18	20	22	24	18	12	5
VIC	All	-27	688	744	817	881	936	992	1,046	1,103	1,164
QLD	G	94	204	219	233	247	262	278	294	312	330
QLD	C	19	38	56	78	102	117	125	133	142	151
QLD	I	6	13	12	14	16	16	14	12	8	4
QLD	All	119	254	287	325	365	395	417	439	462	485
SA	G	52	145	148	152	157	162	166	170	174	177
SA	C	9	22	26	31	36	42	48	51	52	54
SA	I	10	27	27	29	30	32	33	34	35	35
SA	All	71	194	201	212	223	236	248	255	260	265
WA	G	-11	-21	-43	-64	-89	-115	-144	-175	-210	-247
WA	C	6	12	17	25	33	43	54	65	78	82
WA	I	1	2	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	-3	-6
WA	All	-4	-7	-25	-40	-55	-73	-92	-110	-134	-171
TAS	G	10	22	24	27	30	34	37	40	44	47
TAS	C	1	2	2	3	4	5	7	8	10	11
TAS	I	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TAS	All	11	24	26	30	34	39	44	49	54	59
ACT	G	-3	-6	-10	-15	-19	-25	-31	-38	-45	-53
ACT	C	6	13	18	23	29	35	41	48	56	64
ACT	I	3	5	8	12	16	20	25	30	36	43
ACT	All	6	12	15	20	25	30	35	41	48	54
NT	G	19	40	49	59	71	84	97	113	129	147
NT	C	1	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-7
NT	I	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	-1	-1	-2
NT	All	20	43	51	60	71	82	94	108	123	139
AUS	G	315	1,488	1,543	1,613	1,688	1,767	1,849	1,937	2,028	2,125
AUS	C	101	208	286	391	483	541	594	647	702	752
AUS	I	44	96	99	114	129	142	152	157	155	149
AUS	All	460	1,792	1,928	2,119	2,300	2,450	2,595	2,740	2,885	3,026