

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018**

**Outcome: Schools and Youth**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000663**

Senator Collins, Jacinta asked on 01 June 2017, Proof Hansard page 53

***Cut to 24 schools set to have reductions***

**Question**

What quantum in funds are we talking about that those schools have lost that they may apply to the adjustment fund to repair?

**Answer**

Under the proposed arrangements, 24 independent schools are expected to have a reduction in their Australian Government per student funding between 2017 to 2021.

Continuing the current arrangements for these 24 schools, rather than implementing the proposed arrangements, would mean these 24 schools would receive \$481 million more (cumulatively) in Commonwealth funding over the next decade.

This has been calculated based on latest enrolment data reported to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training and assumes the same student population applies from 2017 to 2027 to allow meaningful comparison. This is consistent with the approach used to produce figures on the School Funding Estimator website.

In some cases, a school may find it unreasonably hard to adjust to the reduction of funding. For these schools, the Government is providing an additional \$39.8 million in financial support over 10 years through adjustment assistance. Adjustment assistance will be temporary, targeted and provided on a case by case basis according to strict criteria. The maximum amount of funding of adjustment assistance for a school will be limited to the difference between the per student recurrent funding amount for the school during transition and their 2017 per student recurrent funding entitlement.

More detailed arrangements will be announced following consultation with the sector.