

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome: Schools and Youth**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000674**

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah asked on 01 June 2017, Proof Hansard page 73

***How much would the 24 schools have got under Labor's arrangements?***

**Question**

We were talking about overfunded schools previously. There has been a lot of talk about the 24 schools. I would like to know how much in total the 24 schools lose under this government proposal, and how much they would continue to gain under the status quo. Do you have those figures or is it something you would need to take on notice?

**Answer**

Under the proposed arrangements, 24 Independent schools are expected to have a reduction in their Commonwealth funding per student 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 Australian Government funding over the next decade. This is made up of the additional funding they would receive from 3.0 per cent growth each year (\$322 million) plus reversal of the 'negative growth' they would have under the proposed arrangements (\$159 million).

This has been calculated based on latest enrolment data reported to the Commonwealth 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.