

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000686

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Funding for non-government representative bodies

Question

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I am trying to understand the break-up within the total figure. What is the proportional break up between independent and Catholic schools, if that is what is going to be applied to this funding in the future?

Mr Cook: I don't know the enrolment numbers off the top of my head. The proportion will be based on enrolments.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: The problem is that the figure in my head is the proportion of the total rather than the proportion between the two.

Dr Bruniges: Probably the fastest way is ABS census data.

Mr Cook: We would have to take that on notice.

Dr Bruniges: I think we would have to take on notice enrolment data from February.

Answer

The breakdown of funding between independent and Catholic schools for the Students First Support Fund in 2017 is provided in the table below.

From 2018, the breakdown of funding between the independent and Catholic sectors under the new Non-government Reform Support Fund is a matter for Government, which has indicated distribution will reflect enrolment share.

Sector	2017 allocation of Students First Support Fund
Independent	\$25.0 million
Catholic	\$13.7 million
Total	\$38.7 million