

## Senate Committee: Education and Employment

### QUESTION ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018

#### Outcome: Schools and Youth

#### Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000694

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah asked on 01 June 2017, Proof Hansard page 91

#### *Schools funding models*

#### Question

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Is the requirement that the model needs to be made public a requirement on non-government schools currently?

Mr Cook: It is a requirement under any approved system authority.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Does that include the Catholic Schools Commission?

Mr Cook: Yes.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Are those systems made public?

Mr Cook: I would have to take that on notice. I am not sure how many are public and how many are not.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Does anyone have that information? You can take it on notice.

Mr Cook: We have to ask them. They have not provided it to us—not that I am aware of.

#### Answer

For non-governments schools, the current legislated arrangements require that approved authorities for more than one school distribute recurrent funding received under the *Australian Education Act 2013* in accordance with a needs-based funding arrangement that meets the requirements set out in the *Australian Education Regulation 2013*.

The Regulation requires approved authorities for more than one non-government school to provide the department with information showing how school amounts were distributed in accordance with that authority's needs-based funding arrangement. Under the Regulation, approved system authorities' funding models should also be publicly available and transparent.

According to the department's analysis, 14 out of a total of 26 approved system authorities refer to their needs-based funding models and funding principles on their websites or in their annual reports. These are:

- Catholic Education Commission NSW
- Catholic Education Commission Victoria
- Catholic Education Commission Queensland
- Catholic Education Western Australia
- Catholic Education South Australia
- Tasmanian Catholic Education Office
- Catholic Education Office of Canberra and Goulburn
- Catholic Education Northern Territory
- Lutheran Education Queensland
- Anglican Schools Corporation NSW
- WA Christian Schools
- Victorian Ecumenical System of Schools
- Adventist Schools Victoria.