

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000788

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing

Schools funding - reviewing elements of the SRS

Question

In SQ17-000480 the Department said they have reviewed various elements of the SRS.

- Precisely which elements of the underlying SRS have been reviewed by the Department?
- What were your findings as to appropriateness of each underlying setting reviewed?
- Who did the Department consult with in reviewing each specific element of the SRS model?
- Did you consult with states and territories and the non-government sector to test whether the settings underlying the model were appropriate? If not, why not?

Answer

All elements of the Schooling Resource Standard (SRS) have been reviewed by the department and consulted upon with key stakeholders, as part of the development of new funding arrangements. Findings are reflected in the final funding model settings.

The Australian Government has had numerous meetings with state and territory education ministers and representatives from the non-government sector to seek their views regarding all elements of the SRS model. This includes the update of the SRS base amount, use of Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability for the students with disability loading, capacity to contribute arrangements, and views on other loadings. These views helped to inform the *Quality Schools* package and the Australian Education Amendment Bill 2017 passed in Parliament on 23 June 2017.