

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000792

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Shortened transition period for government schools

Question

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: If we simply moved the government schools up to their 20 per cent benchmark in half the amount of time—five years, say—would you be able to calculate for us how much that would cost and what the average indexation rate would be over that time?

Mr Cook: At a state level?

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: At a state level.

Answer

The amended *Australian Education Act 2013* transitions all government schools, except those in the Northern Territory, up to 20 per cent of the Schooling Resource Standard (SRS) by 2023. Northern Territory government schools have been excluded as these schools are currently funded above 20 per cent of the new SRS and will transition down to 20 per cent in 2027. An additional \$78.5 million will be provided to accelerate evidence-based reforms to improve student outcomes for Northern Territory government school students, on top of the \$2.3 billion being provided by the Australian Government to the Northern Territory government sector over the period 2018 to 2027.

The tables below detail the additional funding for government schools over a shorter transition period of six years as per the *Australian Education Act 2013* (based on 2017–18 Budget data) compared to the funding provided in the 2017–18 Budget. The scenario of this question is no longer relevant as it refers to the 2017–18 Budget which has been superseded as a baseline for comparison by the final funding model. The question is, however, similar to final arrangements, so information relating to the amended Act rather than a hypothetical five year transition period has been provided.

Six year transition period, 2018 to 2023

State	Additional cost 2018 to 2023 (\$m)	Average annual per student growth over 2018 to 2023^
NSW	547	5.7%
Vic.	536	6.5%
Qld	424	6.0%
SA	183	7.2%
WA	438	9.3%
Tas.	12	4.2%
ACT	44	7.4%
NT	0*	1.5%
Australia	2,183	6.3%

Ten year transition period, 2018 to 2027

State	Additional cost 2018 to 2027 (\$m)	Average annual per student growth over 2018 to 2027^
NSW	820	4.8%
Vic.	809	5.2%
Qld	636	4.9%
SA	273	5.6%
WA	662	6.8%
Tas.	17	3.9%
ACT	68	5.8%
NT	0*	1.3%
Australia	3,285	5.1%

Note: Tables reflect recurrent funding amounts only.

** There is no additional funding for Northern Territory government schools as they transition down to 20 per cent of the new SRS over 10 years, and if they were transitioned to 20 per cent by 2023 this would result in a saving.*

^ Total funding under the Australian Education Act 2013 (as amended on 23 June 2017) as the average annual growth rate per student.