

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome: Schools and Youth**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000798**

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing

***Students with Disabilities loading - consultation***

**Question**

Who was consulted with regarding the levels proposed for the supplementary, substantial and extensive loadings? When and in what form did these consultations take place?

**Answer**

Consultation on funding for students with disabilities was undertaken in the context of broader consultations identifying issues with current arrangements and developing the approach to future arrangements. Decisions on the settings for the students with disability loading built on the work of Education Council's Joint Working Group to Provide Advice on Reform for Students with Disability.

Feedback specific to the students with disability loading was also sought from states, territories and non-government representative bodies during the course of bilateral discussions in May 2017. Stakeholders were asked to respond to issues raised in a discussion paper provided to them during those consultations.