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Question

Independent Public Schools initiative

Ms Paul: Do you want us to try to get a list of those schools? Is that what you are after? Senator O'NEILL: Yes. Mr Cook: We would have to go back to the states about. The states have not provided the names. In some states, such as Victoria, it is every single government school that will get funding through this program. Ms Paul: We can say that on notice, if you like, if it is clear that it is every government school. Senator O'NEILL: Please do. The number was 1,500, wasn't it? Mr Cook: That is correct. Senator O'NEILL: The promise was that there were going to be 1,500 schools. Ms Paul: It will exceed that because, for example, in Victoria, as Mr Cook says, every public school will be undertaken some independent public school initiatives. Senator O'NEILL: But they are not going to become independent public schools. Ms Paul: These are all initiatives as per the election commitment under the five domains, which are known to promote autonomy in schools. In other states there would be a subset of schools. If you like, we can take that on notice, but it will exceed 1,500.

Answer

All government schools in Victoria (1526), the Northern Territory (154) and the Australian Capital Territory (86) will benefit from the implementation of the Independent Public Schools initiative in their jurisdictions. School names are available from state and territory education websites, as follows:

Victoria: www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx

Northern Territory: www.education.nt.gov.au/

Australian Capital Territory: www.det.act.gov.au/

School selection is still underway in Tasmania, South Australia and Queensland. These jurisdictions are expected to provide participating school lists in their progress reports due on 30 April 2015.

Further detail about how each participating state and territory will implement the Independent Public Schools initiative is available in the published Project Agreements, available at:
www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/content/npa/education.aspx