

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0674\_15**

**Senator O'Neill provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Projected school enrolments**

Page 50 of the PBS outlines projected school enrolments across the forward estimates. Can the department provide school enrolment estimates beyond 2017-18, as outlined on page 50 of the PBS?

**Answer**

The following table show projections of full-time school enrolments for all sectors – government and non-government schools – up to 2020.

The projections are generated using a grade progression ratio methodology. This methodology assumes that the proportion of students progressing through each grade level from 2012 to 2013 will remain constant over the projection period.

Enrolments for the first grade (and in some states, the second grade) of schooling for each year of the projection period are calculated by assuming the numbers of students will increase in proportion to the growth of the under one year old population between the fifth and sixth years prior to the relevant projection year. The growth in the under one population is calculated from the ABS Estimated Resident Population series and from the ABS Population Projections for the later years. As such projections become less stable the longer the period of time from the source data.

These projections do not reflect such factors as the effects of future changes in education and immigration policy or changes in social and economic conditions (with the exception of Queensland and Western Australia where the inclusion of Year 7 into the secondary program has been taken into account).

### Full-time enrolment projections\*

		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
All Sectors	Primary	2,076,978	2,122,036	2,175,485	2,157,308	2,197,088	2,247,994	2,292,607	2,328,908	2,362,300
	Secondary	1,490,087	1,502,569	1,510,690	1,597,029	1,607,866	1,622,367	1,648,335	1,690,575	1,754,732
	<b>Total</b>	3,567,065	3,624,605	3,686,175	3,754,337	3,804,955	3,870,361	3,940,942	4,019,483	4,117,033
Government										
	Primary	1,430,269	1,462,201	1,501,508	1,496,683	1,526,591	1,563,630	1,595,748	1,621,188	1,644,502
	Secondary	890,948	893,514	891,852	934,891	934,752	938,791	951,873	978,223	1,019,249
	<b>Total</b>	2,321,217	2,355,715	2,393,360	2,431,574	2,461,343	2,502,421	2,547,621	2,599,411	2,663,752
Non-government										
	Primary	646,709	659,835	673,977	660,626	670,497	684,364	696,859	707,720	717,798
	Secondary	599,139	609,055	618,838	662,138	673,114	683,575	696,462	712,351	735,483
	<b>Total</b>	1,245,848	1,268,890	1,292,815	1,322,763	1,343,611	1,367,940	1,393,321	1,420,072	1,453,281

\*The projections are generated using simple algorithms, therefore they do not reflect such factors as the effects of future changes in education and immigration policy or changes in social and economic conditions (with the exception of Queensland and Western Australia where the inclusion of Year 7 into the secondary program has been taken into account).