

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.ED0684_15

Senator O'Neill provided in writing.

Question

Programme 2.3 – Quality Outcomes and Grants and Awards

Pages 53-54 of the PBS refer to an administered item Quality Outcomes. In relation to this item:

- Please list all the of the 'strategic projects' that are funded under this item – including the funding allocated to each and a description. Please outline the funding for each year of the forward estimates.
- Please list all of the programs or organisations funded under the 'Grants and Awards Programme', including all of the research, parents' and principals' organisations that receive funds. Please provide a description of each funded program or organisation, along with any deliverables or outcomes linked to the funding. Please outline funding for each program or organisation for each year of the forward estimates.

Answer

Strategic projects funded by the Australian Government under Programme 2.3 – Quality Outcomes include:

Initiative	Funding over the Forward Estimates at 2014–15 Budget (\$m)				
	2014–1 5	2015–1 6	2016–1 7	2017–1 8	Total
Quality Outcomes – Other Provides funding for a number of education initiatives, including arts and education programmes and support for the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Education Council secretariat.	1.980	1.981	2.046	2.083	8.090
Parliament and Civics Education Rebate Supports students' civics and citizenship education at national democratic, historical and cultural institutions.	5.620	5.725	5.758	5.862	22.965

Initiative	Funding over the Forward Estimates at 2014–15 Budget (\$m)				
	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18	Total
<p>Australian Government Quality Teacher Programme</p> <p>Funding for the Australian Institute of Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) to support its work under the three key areas of initial teacher education, school leadership and engaging with the profession.</p>	8.738	3.940	4.121	4.195	20.994
<p>Civics and Citizenship</p> <p>Assists young Australians to become active and informed citizens who have an understanding of Australia's system of government, history and culture.</p>	1.278	1.280	1.267	1.290	5.115
<p>Schools National Projects</p> <p>Funding for projects that support the Government's school policy agenda. This initiative primarily supports Australia's participation in international education assessments such as the Programme for International Student Assessment; the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study; and the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study.</p>	2.087	2.087	2.066	2.103	8.343
<p>ACARA Baseline</p> <p>The Commonwealth contribution to the core funding of the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), which supports development of the Australian Curriculum, the National Assessment Program, and national data collection and reporting programmes.</p>	12.412	11.643	11.832	12.327	48.214
<p>AITSL Baseline</p> <p>The Commonwealth contribution to the core funding of AITSL, the national organisation responsible for promoting excellence so that teachers and school leaders have the greatest possible impact on student learning in all Australian schools.</p>	5.482	3.640	3.640	3.640	16.402

Initiative	Funding over the Forward Estimates at 2014–15 Budget (\$m)				
	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18	Total
<p>Student Resilience and Wellbeing</p> <p>Provides funding for national research activities that support improving learning outcomes with a specific focus on parent engagement and student wellbeing.</p>	1.585	1.410	1.127	1.000	5.122
<p>Safer Schools Coalition</p> <p>Provides funding for the Foundation for Young Australians to develop and implement a national voluntary secondary education programme, Safe Schools Coalition Australia.</p> <p>Provides expertise, guidance and support to participating schools to respond to homophobic and transphobic bullying, harassment and discrimination against same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse students.</p>	2.000	2.000	2.000	0	6.000
<p>National Trade Cadetships</p> <p>Provides opportunities for students to undertake vocational learning and develop work readiness skills through exposure to the workplace in preparation for a skilled occupation or further study after school. The initiative includes the development of Year 9-10 curriculum known as 'Work Studies' and a Year 11-12 curriculum component.</p>	9.880	12.102	12.247	12.247	46.476
<p>Online Diagnostic Tools</p> <p>A former government initiative that provided online tools and resources to assess student learning and supported the move to deliver the National Assessment Program online.</p>	0.965	0.250	0	0	1.215

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<p>Endeavour Language Teacher Fellowships</p> <p>Provides opportunities for practising, re-training and pre-service language teachers to participate in a short-term in-country language study programme to improve their language and cultural skills for the language they teach in order to assist them to become better teachers.</p>	1.200	1.800	1.800	1.800	6.600
<p>Framework for Open Learning</p> <p>Provides funding for the integration of information and communications technology into teaching and learning across the schooling, vocational education and training, and higher education sectors.</p>	2.309	2.277	2.397	3.255	10.238
<p>Agriculture in Education</p> <p>Assists teachers better understand the products and processes associated with food and fibre production and ensure that all students have an opportunity to understand their importance in the Australian economy.</p>	1.000	0	0	0	1.000

Programmes and organisations funded by the Government under Programme 2.3 – Grants and Awards include:

Initiative	Funding over the Forward Estimates at 2014–15 Budget (\$m)				
	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18	Total
Grants-in-Aid	1.367	1.367	1.353	1.377	5.464
Provides grant funding to key national educational research and representative organisations to inform the Commonwealth's future policy development.					
Individual organisations and deliverables/outcomes include:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>COAG Education Council Secretariat</u> Management of COAG Education Council supported projects, including the National Education and Care Services Ombudsman, Privacy and Freedom of Information Office; Australian Council for Educational Research Projects; and the Safe and Supportive Schools Communities Project. 	0.596	0.596	0.596	0.596	2.384
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Australian Council of State School Organisations</u> Support for peak national organisation representing parents, families and school communities children attending government schools. 	0.265	0	0	0	0.265
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Australian Parents Council</u> Support for the national federation of organisations representing parents of students attending Catholic and Independent schools. 	0.172	0	0	0	0.172
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>The Family-School and Community Partnerships Bureau</u> Support to conduct research, disseminate best practice, and provide practical support and advice to parents, principals, teachers and others about how to build and sustain partnerships. 	0.300	0	0	0	0.300
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Isolated Children's Parents' Association</u> Support for a national peak parent organisation representing families in isolated areas, advocating for rural and regional education issues from early childhood to tertiary education. 	0.034	0	0	0	0.034

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<p>Asia Education Foundation</p> <p>Provides core funding to the Asia Education Foundation, which supports the delivery of studies of Asia in Australian schools.</p>	1.532	1.532	1.517	1.544	6.125
<p>Australian Students Prize</p> <p>Recognises students across Australia who excel at school in their academic studies or their vocational education and training.</p> <p>Provides 500 academic and 500 vocational prizes of \$1000 per prize and a certificate signed by the responsible minister. The top 20 vocational students are also awarded the Australian Award for Skills Excellence in School.</p>	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	4.000