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Question

School and system modelling

School and system modelling Can we be provided with government modelling that provides the following information: 1. The share of each sector in each state of new funding for each year of the agreement. 2. The number of schools in each sector and jurisdiction which receive the minimum increase in funding for each year of the agreement. 3. The percentage of the SRS that each sector and each jurisdiction is operating at for each year of the agreement. 4. The amount of total funding from each source (state/territory government and Australian government) for each sector and jurisdiction. 5. The share of new funding by jurisdiction and sector between loadings and per capita funding. 6. Enrolment assumptions for each jurisdiction and sector.

Answer

1. The share of each sector in each state of new funding for each year of the agreement.

For states and sectors that have reached agreement for the new funding arrangements, the Commonwealth has agreed a 65:35 share of additional funding identified under the new funding arrangements.

For the Commonwealth this is on top of the commitment to maintain its current level of funding and grow this funding by 4.7 per cent.

2. The number of schools in each sector and jurisdiction which receive the minimum increase in funding for each year of the agreement.

The table below provides the number of Independent non systemic schools as well as the number of Government or Catholic systems whose current public funding is considered to be "above" the proposed Schooling Resource Standard (SRS) funding amount. These schools and systems will receive a minimum increase of 3% per student over their previous years funding amount until they are on the SRS:

Sector	Number of systems/schools 'ABOVE THE SRS'			
	2014	2015	2016	2017
Catholic systems	0	0	0	0
Government systems	1 (ACT)	1 (ACT)	1 (ACT)	1 (ACT)
Independent schools	191	189	187	181

3. The percentage of the SRS that each sector and each jurisdiction is operating at for each year of the agreement.

The previous Government agreed a year-by-year transition as shown below. Note the variation in some of the transition paths below reflect the different starting points of respective jurisdictions.

State/sector	Proportion of SRS reached			
	2014	2015	2016	2017
NSW Government	84%	84%	85%	88%
VIC Government	78%	79%	80%	80%
SA Government	88%	88%	88%	88%
TAS Government	91%	92%	93%	94%
ACT Government	111%	111%	111%	110%
Catholic sector (signed states only)	90%	91%	92%	94%
Independent sector (signed states only)	95%	95%	96%	98%

4. The amount of total funding from each source (state/territory government and Australian Government) for each sector and jurisdiction.

The Government has made a commitment that Commonwealth school funding committed by the previous government for the school year 2014 will be provided to all states and territories irrespective of whether they have signed an agreement.

5. The share of new funding by jurisdiction and sector between loadings and per capita funding.

A breakdown of loadings under the SRS model based on data from My School 2011 has been provided in response to DEEWR Question No. EW0227_14.

6. Enrolment assumptions for each jurisdiction and sector.

Enrolment figures used in the SRS model are based on methodology and assumptions that are consistent with the derivation of existing Commonwealth education funding. It is also similar to the methods currently utilised for other schooling programs and supplied to Treasury.

In practice, the implementation of the new funding arrangements will ensure that funding will be adjusted to reflect the latest enrolment data for each jurisdiction and sector.