

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000854

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing.

Funding models

Question

Can the Department provide a list of the 27 (or more) different funding models referred to by the Minister in the media?

- Do the funding models correspond to 27 different agreements?
- How many of those agreements were signed by the Abbott or Turnbull Governments?

What is the Department's assessment of the prospects of the states and territories signing onto a single new funding arrangement?

Answer

There are at least 27 Commonwealth funding schools funding arrangements, including:

- The pure schooling resource standard under the *Australian Education Act 2013*
- Eight different arrangements for government schools in each state
- Eight difference arrangements for Catholic schools in each state
- At least 10 different funding arrangements across the Independent sector
 - One for each state for a single Independent school (eight in total)
 - One for approved Independent school systems
 - One for an approved authority for more than one non-systemic school.

A funding model does not necessarily correspond to a formal agreement but rather represents an arrangement for the distribution of funding.

In addition there are many more historical funding arrangements dating back decades that provide the baseline for indexation under current arrangements and will continue to do so for up to 150 years on current estimates.

The Department of Education and Training cannot speculate on the outcome of future discussions between the Australian Government and the states and territories.