

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000904

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Federal funding for students

Question

If averaged out, how much federal funding did each publicly educated student receive in the 2015/16 financial year?

If averaged out, how much federal funding did each privately educated student receive in the 2015/16 financial year?

If averaged out, how much federal funding did each privately and publicly educated student receive in the 2015/16 financial year, broken down state by state?

If averaged out, how much federal funding is each publicly educated student expected to receive in the 2016/17 financial year?

If averaged out, how much federal funding is each privately educated student expected to receive in the 2016/17 financial year?

Answer

1. The Australian Government is the minority public funder of government schools. In 2015–16 average per-student funding provided by Commonwealth and state and territory governments, with respect to students attending government schools is as follows:

State / Territory	Cth per student funding	State per student funding	Total public funding per student
Australian Capital Territory	\$2,135	\$12,788	\$14,923
New South Wales	\$2,285	\$10,507	\$12,793
Northern Territory	\$4,944	\$16,266	\$21,210
Queensland	\$2,445	\$11,063	\$13,507
South Australia	\$2,413	\$11,325	\$13,738
Tasmania	\$2,911	\$12,829	\$15,739
Victoria	\$2,358	\$9,494	\$11,852
Western Australia	\$2,096	\$14,182	\$16,278
National	\$2,369	\$11,007	\$13,376

2. The Australian Government is the majority public funder of non-government schools. In 2015–16 average per-student funding provided by Commonwealth and state and territory governments with respect of students attending non-government schools is as follows:

State / Territory	Cth per student funding	State per student funding	Total public funding per student
Australian Capital Territory	\$6,432	\$2,026	\$8,459
New South Wales	\$7,311	\$2,466	\$9,777
Northern Territory	\$11,827	\$3,410	\$15,238
Queensland	\$7,562	\$2,461	\$10,023
South Australia	\$7,508	\$2,042	\$9,551
Tasmania	\$8,357	\$2,477	\$10,834
Victoria	\$7,435	\$2,063	\$9,499
Western Australia	\$7,199	\$3,256	\$10,455
National	\$7,437	\$2,412	\$9,850

3. 2015–16 average per-student funding provided by Commonwealth and state and territory governments with respect to all sectors is as follows:

State / Territory	Cth per student funding	State per student funding	Total public funding per student
Australian Capital Territory	\$3,915	\$8,331	\$12,246
New South Wales	\$4,032	\$7,712	\$11,744
Northern Territory	\$6,918	\$12,580	\$19,497
Queensland	\$4,138	\$8,217	\$12,354
South Australia	\$4,244	\$7,989	\$12,233
Tasmania	\$4,542	\$9,727	\$14,270
Victoria	\$4,232	\$6,752	\$10,984
Western Australia	\$3,817	\$10,497	\$14,314
National	\$4,135	\$8,012	\$12,147

4. Consistent with recurrent funding estimates as at 2016–17 Budget (latest published estimates), the table below provides 2016–17 estimated Commonwealth and state and territory funding for students attending government schools, projected based on the latest available actual data.

State / Territory	Cth per student funding	State per student funding	Total public funding per student
Australian Capital Territory	\$2,176	\$13,172	\$15,348
New South Wales	\$2,564	\$10,908	\$13,472
Northern Territory	\$5,633	\$16,902	\$22,535
Queensland	\$2,715	\$11,483	\$14,198
South Australia	\$2,532	\$11,676	\$14,208
Tasmania	\$3,155	\$13,294	\$16,449
Victoria	\$2,496	\$9,839	\$12,334
Western Australia	\$2,183	\$14,611	\$16,794
National	\$2,580	\$11,403	\$13,983

5. Consistent with recurrent funding estimates as at 2016–17 Budget (latest published estimates), the table below provides 2016–17 estimated Commonwealth and state and territory government funding for students attending non-government schools, projected based on the latest available actual data.

State / Territory	Cth per student funding	State per student funding	Total public funding per student
Australian Capital Territory	\$6,776	\$2,116	\$8,893
New South Wales	\$7,697	\$2,569	\$10,266
Northern Territory	\$12,582	\$3,717	\$16,300
Queensland	\$8,103	\$2,568	\$10,671
South Australia	\$7,929	\$2,108	\$10,036
Tasmania	\$8,960	\$2,610	\$11,570
Victoria	\$7,861	\$2,121	\$9,983
Western Australia	\$7,720	\$3,376	\$11,096
National	\$7,888	\$2,505	\$10,393

Please note the following with respect to this information:

1. Per Student funding is expressed in whole dollars
2. For per student figures:
 - a. The FTE for students at both government and non-government schools is calculated using projections based on the latest available actual data as at 2016–17 Budget (latest published estimates).
 - b. 2016–17 Commonwealth Recurrent Funding is based on recurrent funding estimates as at 2016–17 Budget (latest published estimates)
3. State and total public funding figures are based on the assumption that all states and territories fund schools as if they were fully participating consistent with the *Australian Education Act 2013*. The Commonwealth cannot guarantee that states and territories will provide funding based on the current model.