

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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School funding

Question

Mr Cook: It is not just that, it is the fact that every Catholic school in every state is treated the same in terms of their low SES.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Yes. For each state is there an independent model, or are there a few?

Mr Cook: I think it varies in every state.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Right.

Mr Cook: In some states they use the same model for the independent sector as they do for the Catholic sector. In other states they use a different independent model from what they do for the Catholic sector.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Which is an example where the state treats the Catholic sector the same as the independent sector?

Mr Cook: I will take that on notice, but I am aware that is the case.

Answer

Based on publicly available information on state and territory government websites, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Western Australia and Victorian governments apply similar funding arrangements for Catholic and independent schools. This question should be directed to state and territory governments for an up-to-date and complete response.