

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1
Output Group: 1.1

DEST Question No. E846_04

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Schools expenditure as a proportion of GDP.

Please provide the latest figures for:

- Commonwealth;
- State/Territory;
- All Government; and
- Government and Private expenditure on schools, as a proportion of GDP.

Please also provide these data for government, non-government and all schools.

Answer:

Schools expenditure as a proportion of Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

Forward estimates from the *2003-04 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook*, using financial year data from Australian Government Budget sources, forecast that Australian Government expenditure on all schools will rise from 0.85 per cent of GDP to 0.88 per cent of GDP between 2003-04 and 2007-08.

The *2003-04 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook* forecasts that government school funding will remain at 0.29 per cent of GDP between 2003-04 and 2007-08.

Over the same time, Australian Government expenditure on non-government schools will rise from 0.56 per cent to 0.60 per cent of GDP.

DEST does not maintain proportion of GDP calculations for the other categories listed.