

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome:

Output Group:

DEST Question No. E859_07

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Trends in Commonwealth schools funding: Professor Burke's analysis

Some research by Professor Gerald Burke, as part of his commissioned project for the National Skills Development Taskforce, shows trends in Commonwealth expenditure on schools.

He has calculated that, for the period 1999-2004, in government schools:

- Total government (State and Federal) expenditure grew by 9% in real terms;
- EFT student numbers grew by 1%; and
- Per-student funding grew in real terms by 9%.

For non-government schools, for the same period:

- Private income grew by 58%;
- State government grants grew by 44%;
- Commonwealth grants grew by 70%;
- Total revenue, in real terms, grew by 33%;
- EFT student numbers grew by 10%; and
- Per-student funding (public and private) grew by 21%.

Can you confirm these figures?

Answer:

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1. Professor Burke has confirmed this analysis of expenditure on education was not commissioned by DEST nor was it part of the National Skills Development Taskforce.
2. Accordingly, DEST is not aware of the assumptions underpinning these figures.