

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question

Allocation of funding to individual government schools

What requirements or agreements are in place to ensure that states and territories allocate funding to individual government schools in a way that meets the six funding loading categories at the rates identified in the National Education Reform Agreement, irrespective of whether the state or territory is classified as a participating jurisdiction for the purposes of the Education Act? How is the department monitoring implementation and is there any evidence that states or territories are not implementing the loading in full?

Answer

Section 78(3) of the Act requires a participating state or territory to distribute financial assistance in accordance with a needs-based funding arrangement that complies with the needs-based funding principles outlined in section 61 of the *Australian Education Regulation 2013* (the Regulation). The Act does not impose the same requirement on a non-participating state or territory.

Under section 35 of the *Australian Education Regulation 2013*, all states and territories are required to provide an annual report in relation to funds paid to schools under the Act. For participating states and territories this includes disaggregating the information by base and loadings.