

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

Department of Education Question No. ED0255_14

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Refers to previous Question No ED0001_14.

Question

Better School website individual school data

The answer to ED0001_14 does not provide the requested information. Can the Department please provide an electronic version of the spreadsheet that drove the tool behind the Better School website individual school data relating to total funding levels over the six years from 2014 to 2016.

Answer

The spreadsheet referred to was previously provided to states and territories by the former government for the purpose of negotiations.

This spreadsheet has been decommissioned as the information is out of date and does not reflect accurately funding provided to individual schools, particularly in the government and Catholic school sectors.

It would be contrary to the public interest to disclose the contents of past confidential communications between the Commonwealth and state and territory governments at a point where no agreement was reached.

If the Senate would like further information contact would need to be made with the states and territories to negotiate the release of information.