

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Agency - Australian Curriculum, Assessment & Reporting Authority

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question

ACARA - My School website

The My School website provides financial data for each school which indicated the level of recurrent state, federal and commonwealth school funding. Can this data be provided on an aggregated basis nationally, and for each state and territory? As well as for each sector (Government, Catholic and Independent), both nationally and broken down by state/territory and per capita? Can ACARA please provide this data on for each year between 2009 and 2012? Noting also that the release under Freedom of Information of aggregated financial data by ACARA has taken place in previous years.

Answer

ACARA has provided the following response.

ACARA has supplied an Excel spreadsheet with the requested data. The data should be read with the following scope, definitions and calculation notes in mind.

Scope of data

The input dataset for this analysis is based on ACARA's school list for each calendar year. Please note the data:

- only includes 'Active' schools in the display calendar year of *My School*
- does not include 'No Reporting' schools in the display calendar year of *My School*
- does not include 'Null' finance data schools in the display calendar year of *My School*.

Definitions

State/territory government recurrent funding

Income sourced from funding provided by state and territory governments for recurrent purposes.

Australian Government recurrent funding

Income sourced from funding provided by the Australian Government for recurrent purposes.

FTE Funded Enrolments

The number of full-time equivalent enrolments relating to recurrent income and capital expenditure as reported in the financial data on the 'school finances' tab in *My School*.

Calculations

Per student calculations were performed in the following ways:

State/territory government recurrent funding per student

State/territory government recurrent funding divided by full-time equivalent enrolments.

Australian Government recurrent funding per student

Australian Government recurrent funding divided by full-time equivalent enrolments.