

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

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

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Senator Lines provided in writing.

Question

Student Resource Standard

1. What is the current Government's understanding of what it means to have a uniform SRS?
2. How will it look in each of the states and what formulae will be used to determine that uniform SRS?
3. Is the SRS consistent across the country? If not, why not?

Answer

All schools and systems will have Commonwealth funding determined under the *Australian Education Act 2013*, including a base per-student amount and extra funding to target disadvantage such as for students from poorer socioeconomic backgrounds, students with disability, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, and students in regional and remote areas.

For non-government schools, the base per-student amount will be discounted by the capacity of their school community to contribute towards the operating costs of the school.

Schools will be transitioned towards the Schooling Resource Standard (SRS) funding amounts over time. The transition rates are based on negotiated transition arrangements between the previous Government and state and territory governments.