

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator McKenzie asked on 26 February 2014, Hansard page 110

Question

Students with disabilities

Senator McKENZIE: My only other question was: money aside for processes within the system, is there any other support the government provides to assist students with a disability? Mr Hehir: There is a specific program around supporting teachers and parents where students have autism. There is a particular program around that. Senator McKENZIE: Could you take on notice to see if there are any other programs? Mr Hehir: Yes.

Answer

The Australian government also provides approximately \$5.5 million per annum for the Positive Partnerships programme, the schools component of the Helping Children with Autism package.

Positive Partnerships provides professional development for teachers, school leaders and other school staff to build their understanding, skills and expertise in working with children with autism spectrum disorder. Workshops and information sessions are also held for parents and carers of school-age students with autism, to assist them to work with their child's teachers and school.