

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 2 - Schools

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Senator Mason provided in writing.

Question

SCHOOL EDUCATION FUNDING

BP1 explains, in relation to the 'Schools' line item in the table referred to above, that 'core funding' for government schools is expected to increase in real terms by 4.3 per cent over the forward estimates. (p. 6-16). Apart from the National Schools SPP, what else is defined as 'core funding'. For instance, does it include the Smarter Schools Partnerships?

Answer

Advice from Treasury is that the Schools line item in table 7 on page 6-15 and referred to on page 6-16 in Budget Paper 1 includes the National Schools SPP, *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance Act) 2000*, Building the Education Revolution and the three Smarter Schools National Partnerships - Improving teacher quality, Low SES school communities and Literacy and numeracy.