

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

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

**Outcome 2 - Schools**

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**Senator Collins asked on 3/06/2010, Hansard page 16.**

**Question**

**TREND TOWARDS NON-GOVERNMENTSCHOOL**

Senator JACINTA COLLINS—What sort of trend are we anticipating at this point?

Mr Robertson—I do not know the actual—

Senator JACINTA COLLINS—The reason I ask is that there is continued growth up until 13-14 in all primary, secondary and Indigenous students. I understand a proportion of that might be demographic but the proportion, as you said, may also be a representation of presumably a current trend towards non-government schools. I am interested in what that trend is that you are currently factoring? If you do not have it—

Mr Robertson—Yes, I might have to take it on notice.

**Answer**

The full time school enrolment figures in the 2010 - 11 Portfolio Budget Statements reflect actual 2009 enrolments and projected enrolments until the 2013 school year.

These figures project an average annual growth of enrolments in government schools of 0.79 per cent and an average annual growth in enrolments in non government schools of 1.80 per cent. The average annual growth of projected enrolments for all schools is 1.14 per cent.

The non government schools' share of total Australian school enrolments is projected to grow at around 0.23 per cent a year over 2009 to 2013.