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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

More Support for Students with Disabilities Initiative

In the new 'More Support for Students with Disabilities' initiative, how much funding will be available for sound fields?

Answer

The Australian Government is providing \$200 million to the *More Support for Students with Disabilities* initiative; the initiative will be funded until December 2013. The funding will be used to increase support for students with disability by building the capacity of schools and teachers to better meet the individuals' needs. This could include the provision of assistive technology to support students' learning in the classroom, such as sound field amplification for students with hearing loss.

It is not possible to identify funding for specific initiatives until the National Partnership is finalised and Implementation plans for each education authority are agreed.