

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Outcome 2 – Schools and Youth

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Senator Mason asked on 31 May 2012 , Hansard page 14

Question

Indexation

Senator MASON: What is its value in percentage terms? Do we know that? Ms Paul: I do not know if I have got the people here to tell me that. I am not quite sure what it is valued at right now. It changes. Senator MASON: Yes. In 2009-10? Ms Paul: I will have to take that on notice.

Answer

In accordance with the *Schools Assistance Act 2008*, the Average Government School Recurrent Costs (AGSRC) is calculated on a program (calendar) year basis.

The AGSRC Primary and Secondary Amounts for the program years 2009 and 2010, together with the annual percentage increase is provided below in Table 1.

The AGSRC Index is used to supplement the funding for targeted programs appropriated under the *Schools Assistance Act 2008*. The targeted programs are: Short Term Emergency Assistance Program, Country Areas Program, School Languages Program, English as a Second Language – New Arrivals Program, Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs Program.

The annual increases in the AGSRC Index for the program years 2009 and 2010 are provided below in Table 2.

Table 1: AGSRC Primary and Secondary Amounts

Description	2009		2010	
	\$	%	\$	%
Primary Amount	8,380	4.18	9,070	8.23
Secondary Amount	10,646	5.81	11,393	7.02

Table 2: AGSRC Targeted Index

Description	2009	2010
	%	%
AGSRC Targeted Index	4.7	5.9