

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

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

Outcome 2 – Schools and Youth

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Senator Wright asked on 18 October 2012 , Hansard page 80

Capital grants and programs funded under SPP

Senator WRIGHT: Can you please provide some examples of the type of capital grants and programs that are funded under the SPP. Ms Paul: It is probably easier to take it on notice and talk about what the SPP covers. Do you want us to cover what was rolled into it? It is less tagged than it used to be, to use a strange technical term.

Answer

There is no specific Commonwealth allocation for capital in the National Schools Specific Purpose payments. Rather, the government school component of the National Schools SPP becomes part of the total state or territory government funding pool (which includes Australian and state and territory government funds). Each state and territory government then allocates funds from this total pool (or distributes resources) to schools based on its particular allocative mechanism for recurrent and capital expenditure. The allocative mechanism is different for each state and territory.

This funding framework provides flexibility for states and territories to allocate Australian Government funding to areas which they believe will produce the best outcomes for students. State and territory governments are responsible for ensuring schools are appropriately resourced in order to achieve the mutually agreed objectives and performance benchmarks of the National Education Agreement.