

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015**

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000075

Senator O'Neill, Deborah asked on 05 March 2015, Hansard page 13

The Independent Public Schools fund

Question

Senator O'NEILL: So you are just saving Western Australia's money until they find an enlightened moment to sign up?

Ms Paul: They have asked to be part of the scheme and, as Mr Cook said, we are currently going through that assessment process. I would not characterise it the way you have just characterised it there.

Senator O'NEILL: Could you split the \$70 million into the amount per state and territory for me?

Mr Cook: Yes, we can do that. We will take it on notice. At the moment, almost \$62 million of that has been agreed through the current signed agreements.

Senator O'NEILL: That means there is \$8 million left.

Mr Cook: About \$8 million for Western Australia, correct.

Senator O'NEILL: What is the amount per student?

Mr Cook: I would have to take that on notice.

Answer

State and territory apportioned Independent Public Schools (IPS) funding (GST exclusive) is as below:

State / territory	Total funding for 2013-14 to 2016-17 (\$ million)
New South Wales	22.75
Victoria	15.89
Queensland	12.88
South Australia	5.53
Tasmania	2.10
Northern Territory	1.61
Australian Capital Territory	0.91
Western Australia	8.05
Total funding commitments	69.72
Funding allocated to initiative	70.00

IPS funding was not allocated on a per student basis. State and territory funding entitlements were notionally calculated on the basis of each jurisdiction's proportionate share of government schools. In their project agreements, each state and territory jurisdiction cited the total number of government schools to benefit from participating in its IPS initiative.