

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000113

Senator O'Neill, Deborah asked on 05 March 2015, Hansard page 40.

Indexation rate of school funding

Question

Senator RYAN: In the past, previous IGRs, from other portfolio perspectives, tend to be generated out of Treasury assumptions and long-term modelling.

Senator O'NEILL: There is some data in there about the indexation, on page 76. I put on notice: what legislative changes are needed to enable the government to change the indexation rate of school funding?

Ms Paul: Sure.

Senator O'NEILL: You can't answer that now, can you?

Ms Paul: We have answered that before here. To change indexation, the act needs to be amended.

Senator O'NEILL: I do recall that now.

Mr Cook: The Australian Education Act has to be amended.

Senator O'NEILL: Have we got any idea about when that legislation is coming into parliament, Minister?

Ms Paul: That is a matter for government.

Senator Ryan: I will take that on notice on behalf of the minister.

Answer

The timing of the introduction of any amendments to the Act will be a matter for the Government.