

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000103

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing

Use of federal school funding

Question

Is it acceptable for a state to use federal school funding to prop up their own budget – whether for schools or more generally?

Answer

Each jurisdiction has the budget flexibility to allocate funds to implement agreed national policy initiatives.

All states and territories must certify that funds provided by the Commonwealth have been used for the purpose of providing school education and implementing national policy initiatives for school education in accordance with the *Australian Education Act 2013* and the *Australian Education Regulation 2013*.