

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Schooling Resource Standard (SRS) base per student

Question

According to the report of the National Commission of Audit information, the Commission was informed by the Commonwealth Department of Education that the 25th percentile of the measured cost efficiency of the benchmark schools was chosen as the SRS base per student amount [Appendix Volume 1, p.260]. What is the reason for choosing the 25th percentile?

Answer

A 25th quantile regression model was used by the Review of Funding for Schooling panel to predict the amount of funding that would be required for a school without any disadvantaged students, operating in a major city location, with characteristics of high performing 'reference' schools.

This methodology was accepted by the former government in informing the funding defined in the *Australian Education Act 2013*.