

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000521

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing.

Different Commonwealth funding arrangements

Question

How many different Commonwealth funding arrangements are expected to be in place in 2018 covering the public and non-government sectors?

- Will the school funding arrangements for each state and territory government exactly the same?
- Will the funding arrangements for each Catholic school authority the same?
- Will the funding arrangements be the same for each Independent approved authority, Independent school system and single Independent school?

Answer

On 2 May 2017, the Australian Government announced its *Quality Schools* package. From 2018, Australian Government funding will be set as shares of the Schooling Resource Standard (SRS). Over 10 years (to 2027) all schools will transition to consistent shares of the SRS:

- 20 per cent for government schools (up from an average of 17.0 per cent in 2017), and
- 80 per cent for non-government schools (up from an average of 78.7 per cent for Catholic schools and 74.2 per cent for independent schools).