

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Senator O'Neill asked on 4 June 2014, Hansard page 78

Question

Cut in School expenditure

Senator O'NEILL: Can the department confirm that there will be \$30 billion cut from school expenditure? Ms Paul: We actually gave evidence on this this morning to Senator Wright. Senator O'NEILL: Well, that is good for Treasury, but I am not in Treasury. I am going to be here and I am not able to hear it. I want to hear it because it is about education. Ms Paul: We can certainly take it on notice. But we have asked Treasury, and their guidance has been that it is for them to explain. I am certainly happy to take it on notice and get a written explanation from them. Of course, they are also giving evidence themselves.

Answer

At the Economics Legislation Committee estimates hearing of Wednesday, 4 June 2014, Mr Nigel Ray from the Department of the Treasury advised the Committee that of the \$80 billion savings figure presented in the budget overview, slightly less than \$30 billion is attributable to education.