

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018

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Reflection of the principles and recommendations of the Gonski report

Question

Senator Birmingham: A number of different commentators have I think acknowledged that what the government is proposing is a truer and more accurate reflection of the principles and recommendations in the Gonski report.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I have not seen anyone say that. Give me a quote that accurately describes what you just said.

Senator Birmingham: We will happily beaver away and give you a number of those, if you like. I will take it on notice.

Answer

The following is a selection of comments regarding the proposed arrangements:

I'm very pleased to hear that the Turnbull Government has accepted the fundamental recommendations of our 2011 report, and particularly regarding a needs-based situation.

Mr David Gonski AC (2 May 2017)

Common funding arrangements across the country will see greater transparency and give principals confidence that what they receive in school funding is fair and equitable.

Australian Primary Principals Association (2 May 2017)

Today's announcement on school funding is welcome. The Coalition has set out a 10-year goal of every school being consistently funded by the Commonwealth.

Dr Peter Goss, Grattan Institute (2 May 2017)

My conclusion is that the opportunity Gonski 2.0 presents to have both sides politics accept and entrench needs-based federal funding, and an end to sectarian deals, should be grabbed with both hands.

Mr Ross Gittins (20 May 2017)

ISCA believes that the opportunity to establish a consistent and equitable funding baseline for all non-government schools should be our highest priority. Continuing to seek to protect inconsistently applied funding arrangements that distort the non-government school relativities is no longer in anybody's interests, particularly not Australian school students.

Independent Schools Council of Australia (26 May 2017)

No funding model is perfect, but a policy that's applied consistently and fairly to all schools, without regard to their state or sector, and without fear or favour, is an improvement on the current arrangements and deserving of acknowledgement and support.

Independent Schools Queensland (26 May 2017)