

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018**

Outcome: Schools and Youth

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Senator Collins, Jacinta asked on 01 June 2017, Proof Hansard page 117

Catholic schools – system weighted average

Question

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: So when that proportion was set, Catholic schools also attracted advantages from a system weighted average. As far as I can understand it, a system weighted average calculation in current day terms for Catholic schools would be in the order of about \$80 million a year. Is that accurate?

Mr Cook: I am sorry but I do not know that off the top of my head, it depends. Are we talking about 2017-18, for example?

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Yes.

Mr Cook: I would have to take that on notice.

Answer

While the new National School Resourcing Board reviews the socio-economic status (SES) score methodology and current capacity to contribute arrangements, the Australian Government has committed to provide additional funding in 2018 equivalent to extending the value of the system weighted average SES score arrangements in 2017. It is estimated that this will provide an additional \$41.6 million in 2018 for systems with system weighted average SES scores in 2017.