

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018

Outcome: Schools and Youth

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List of 22 schools

Question

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: But I do still want to ask some questions about that list so that, when the department deals with my earlier question, there is a clear understanding of the schools that are on that list. On that list—and some will be familiar because they have been in the media—are Holy Rosary School, Heathcote; Mother of God School, Ivanhoe East; St Aloysius Primary School, Caulfield; St Columba's School, Elwood; St Dominic's Primary School Camberwell East; St John's Primary, Clifton Hill; St Kevin's Parish School, Ormond; St Michael's Parish School, Tallangatta; St Patrick's School, Saint Arnaud; St Stephen's School, Reservoir; Holy Cross Catholic Primary, Woollahra; McAuley Catholic Primary School, Rose Bay; Sacred Heart Catholic School, Pymble; St Brendan's Catholic Primary School, Annandale; St Brendan's Catholic Primary School, Bankstown; St Jerome's Catholic Primary School, Punchbowl; St Joseph's Primary School, Tenterfield; St Joseph's School, Walgett; St Mel's Catholic School, Campsie; St Peter's Primary School, North Bendigo; St Brigid's Catholic Primary School, Coogee; and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Catholic Parish Primary School, Epping. That is the list of schools that I understand was released under the suggestion that this was newly released secret departmental data. My understanding is that 13 of the 22 schools will be receiving less money in 2027 than in 2017 on the various assumptions that have been made.

CHAIR: Senator Collins, given that I highly doubt the officers will be able to answer these questions now, it might be best if you submit them on notice. Could you put them in writing rather than taking up valuable time.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: No, because I am just about finished what relates to this. I am trying to understand why those particular 22 schools might have been selected—to a journalist's request. We discussed some of them earlier but it is only reasonable that the department have the full list so it can understand what I understand to be in the public realm. I would like to know why just those 22 schools were selected to go into the public realm rather than, for example, all relevant schools so some sort of independent assessment of the circumstances relevant to them could be conducted.

CHAIR: Would you like to take that on notice?

Dr Bruniges: Yes, I would. Thank you, Chair.

Answer

The department has not released the list of 22 schools tabled, however, information on the funding impact of the 2017–18 Budget announcement on all schools, including those listed, was available through the school funding estimator on the department's website.