

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000695

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Indigenous loading

Question

Senator PATERSON: I would like to know the total Indigenous loading over the forward estimates and the 10 years... Are you able to break that down by each state and territory?

Mr Cook: We will have to take that on notice; what I have is national data.

Senator PATERSON: It would be good if we could have that in both four- and 10-year increments. I am interested in the total dollar increments, the funding growth percentages and the per student amounts.

Answer

Commonwealth funding provided via the Indigenous loading will total an estimated \$1.4 billion over four years and \$4.2 billion over ten years. The table below shows this by state and territory.

Total Commonwealth funding provided through the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Loading over 4 and 10 years (\$ million)^

	4 years (2018–21)	10 years (2018–27)
New South Wales	356	1,060
Victoria	59	181
Queensland	422	1,260
South Australia	56	169
Western Australia	200	632
Tasmania	34	95
Australian Capital Territory	10	29
Northern Territory	265	795
Australia	1,401	4,221

^ These figures are based on departmental analysis and are estimates only. They are based on the settings announced in the Australian Government's Quality Schools reforms, which are subject to passage of legislation.

To provide Commonwealth per student funding provided via the Indigenous loading over 4 or 10 years by state, we would have to calculate an averaged amount that not only averages the amount between schools, but also between sectors and years. This would have little value as Commonwealth funding per Indigenous student is increasing each year and significantly varies between sectors depending on the share of the Schooling Resource Standard funded by the Commonwealth.

The table below instead shows Commonwealth funding per Indigenous student provided via the Indigenous loading in 2017, 2021 and 2027 by state and sector. It averages funding across schools in each state sector.

Commonwealth funding per Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student provided through the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Loading in 2021 and 2027 (\$)

State	Sector[^]	2017*	2021**	2027**
NSW	G	878	985	1,296
	C	2,389	3,015	3,722
	I	3,018	3,796	4,766
VIC	G	517	648	873
	C	2,147	2,547	3,092
	I	3,138	3,917	5,021
QLD	G	854	1,106	1,460
	C	3,130	4,164	5,094
	I	4,301	5,944	7,588
SA	G	749	974	1,340
	C	1,962	2,452	3,019
	I	2,423	3,472	4,518
WA	G	769	1,107	1,620
	C	5,602	6,591	8,242
	I	4,770	6,416	8,330
TAS	G	693	869	1,083
	C	2,662	3,277	4,182
	I	2,484	3,236	4,199
ACT	G	530	657	910
	C	1,946	3,157	2,942
	I	3,074	3,126	3,022
NT	G	2,112	2,725	2,947
	C	6,645	8,935	12,310
	I	6,354	8,540	11,621
National Averages	G	908	1,135	1,476
	C	3,374	4,341	5,547
	I	3,971	5,321	7,008

[^] G = government, C = Catholic, I = Independent

* Calculated based on notional loading allocations as at 2017–18 Budget.

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