Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000787

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Schools funding - SES scores and base amount

Question

- What would a non-government approved authority (primary school) with an SES score of 90 currently receive in base per student dollars, excluding loadings (according to the primary capacity to contribute curve in the Australian Education Act 2013) and what would they receive under the primary capacity to contribute curve proposed under the Australian Education Amendment Bill 2017?
- What would a non-government approved authority (primary school) with an SES score of 100 currently receive in base per student dollars, excluding loadings (according to the primary capacity to contribute curve in the Australian Education Act 2013) and what would they receive under the primary capacity to contribute curve proposed under the Australian Education Amendment Bill 2017?
- What would a non-government approved authority (primary school) with an SES score of 110 currently receive in base per student dollars, excluding loadings (according to the primary capacity to contribute curve in the Australian Education Act 2013) and what would they receive under the primary capacity to contribute curve proposed under the Australian Education Amendment Bill 2017?
- What would a non-government approved authority (primary school) with an SES score of 120 currently receive in base per student dollars, excluding loadings (according to the primary capacity to contribute curve in the Australian Education Act 2013) and what would they receive under the primary capacity to contribute curve proposed under the Australian Education Amendment Bill 2017?

Answer

Under the capacity to contribute settings, non-government students have a percentage of the base funding amount discounted based on their socioeconomic status (SES) score.

The table below applies the current and proposed discount percentages to the 2018 base funding amount for primary students in schools with SES scores of 90, 100, 110 and 120. In 2018, the base funding amount for a primary student will be \$10,953.

Discounted base funding amounts for primary students under current and proposed capacity to contribute settings, 2018

SES score	Base funding based on current discount percentage	Base funding based on new discount percentage
90	\$9,858	\$9,858
100	\$9,639	\$9,201
110	\$7,996	\$7,119
120	\$5,148	\$4,255