

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Schools and Youth

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Schools currently above the SRS

Question

For the record, can you outline how many schools currently sit above the SRS level.

Answer

The table below shows the estimated number of schools with 2017 total public funding above 100 per cent of the Schooling Resource Standard (SRS). These include schools that are above 100 per cent of the SRS that are in approved authorities that are below 100 per cent of the SRS. However, systems are able to redistribute funding to schools and therefore what a school actually receives may differ from this allocation.

School level allocations provided to system authorities for 2017 are based a notional distribution of the system funding that is calculated based on the funding the system received in 2013, subsequently indexed under the provisions of the *Australian Education Act 2013*.

In practice, school-level funding information is provided to systems to understand what the system transition would mean for individual schools, however, these school-level calculations are purely notional. These school level allocations are derived from the system transition amount based on the historical funding of individual schools, regardless of how far above or below the SRS they are.

The table also assumes that state and territory governments have contributed funding according to the *Australian Education Act 2013* and the National Education Reform Agreement from 2014 to 2017. However, the Australian Government cannot guarantee that this is the case.

Estimated number of schools with total public funding above 100 per cent of SRS by approved system authority

Approved system authority	Number of schools
NSW Government	658
Catholic Education Commission NSW	120
Anglican Schools Corporation, NSW	9
VIC Government	195
Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Limited	123
Victorian Ecumenical System of Schools Ltd	2
Lutheran Church of Australia Victorian District	4
Seventh Day Adventist Schools (Victoria) Limited	2
QLD Government	374
Corporation of the Roman Catholic Bishops of Queensland (Catholic System Queensland)	54
Seventh-Day Adventist Schools (South Queensland) Limited	1
Lutheran Church of Australia Queensland District	8
Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane (Anglican Schools Commission)	2
SA Government	107
South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools Inc	13
WA Government	427
Catholic Education Commission of W.A.	34
The Anglican Schools Commission (Inc.) (Anglican System Western Australia)	2
TAS Government	81
Catholic Education Centre, TAS	2
NT Government	42
NT Christian Schools	1
ACT Government	70
Catholic Education Office, ACT	1
Independent (non-system) schools	241
Total	2573

Source: Department of Education and Training modelling as at 28 April 2017