

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

Department of Education Question No. ED0001_14

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question

Better Schools website tool

Before it was removed from the internet the Better Schools website contained a tool that provided information about expected increases in funding for each State or Territory school under the Better Schools reforms and the National Education Reform Agreement. The Information available included the funding level for each school in each year between 2013 and 2019, and funding growth in dollars and percentages. Please provide the spreadsheet that sat behind this public enquiry tool, which outlines the funding level of each school in 2013, in 2019, and in each year in between. Please also ensure that the spreadsheet shows the percentage increase in funding, and the dollar value of the funding increase for each public school in Australia – including in the States of Queensland, Western Australia, Tasmania, South Australia, Victoria, as well as the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

Answer

The tool referred to in the question demonstrated the potential growth in schools funding as a result of implementation of the schools funding model as developed by the previous government. This product has since been decommissioned.

The Government has moved towards a payment system relying on actual, and not projected, data for 2013 and 2014, which are updated as demographic and enrolment data are progressively made available.

States and territories and the state/territory Catholic Education Commissions will make final decisions on funding levels for each school, not the Australian Government.

School level data on entitlements in 2014 have been provided in response to ED0213_14, ED0146_14 and ED0016_14.