

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

Department of Education Question No. ED0559_15

Senator O'Neill provided in writing.

Question

Commonwealth School Funding Model

The briefing note to the Queensland Education Minister tabled at the estimates hearing refers to the "Commonwealth School Funding Model (Better schools) Supplied 2 July 2013" as a source for the calculation of the impacts of the Government's school cuts on Queensland. Can the Department provide a copy of this same model, that was provided to the Queensland Government? Can a copy of the model for each state and territory be provided?

Answer

There are no cuts to schools funding and funding to schools increases year on year.

The funding model supplied on 2 July 2013 to Queensland, and the similar models provided to other states, contained confidential data, provided on a 'without prejudice' basis relating to negotiations at a specific point in time. Where negotiations did not result in agreements in Queensland, Western Australia and the Northern Territory, these data have no official status.