

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. ED0561_15

Senator O'Neill provided in writing.

Question

School funding (link to CPI)

In relation to the decision to link school funding to CPI from 2018: a. Who advised the department of the policy, and when? b. When did the Department advise the Minister? c. Did the department brief the Minister? When? Was it before or after the Budget was released? d. Did the Department prepare speaking points for the Minister? When were they requested/provided

Answer

The decision to link schools funding to the Consumer Price Index was a whole-of-government decision that applied to large, demand-driven Commonwealth funding programmes. As a result, briefings between the Hon Christopher Pyne MP, Minister for Education and the department formed part of standard formal Budgetary processes.