

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

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

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Senator Wright provided in writing.

Question

Students with a disability - replacement of the National Partnership mechanism

What will replace the National Partnership mechanism for students with a disability in 2015?

Answer

The More Support for Students with Disabilities (MSSD) initiative was a short term funding boost to build the capacity of teachers, principals and other school staff to better support the needs of students with disability and/or learning difficulties.

The resources developed, professional learning and capacity building that has taken place through the initiative will continue to benefit students with disability into the future.

In 2014 the Australian Government introduced a funding loading for students with disability as part of the needs-based funding arrangements contained within the *Australian Education Act 2013*. This loading increases every year.

In 2015 the disability loading will increase by an additional \$100 million in Commonwealth funding.