

**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. ED0649\_15**

**Senator O'Neill asked on 22 October 2014 , Hansard page 105**

**Question**

**Commonwealth School funding model**

Senator O'NEILL: It is the 'comprehensive' that is a bit too much. I just want some quick answers so that we can get to the facts. CHAIR: Mr Cook, you can take it on notice. Mr Cook: I am happy to provide more detail on notice. My only quick comment on this is that in those documents—and, yes, they are available—the budget does not go beyond 2017-18. So I have no idea how Queensland could possibly say what the Australian government is going to give them, considering the budget papers do not go beyond 2017-18. I do not know how Queensland have assumed what the CPI rate will be in 2024-25. Maybe they have information that I do not about what the CPI will be in 2024-25. They would have to know that to get that figure. Senator O'NEILL: They are modelling it. Mr Cook: The Commonwealth school funding model does not go beyond 2019, so I do not how they got the figures beyond that. CHAIR: Maybe you could take the detail on notice. Mr Cook: I will have to take it on notice, because I honestly have no idea how they would have done this.

**Answer**

The Government has indicated that Commonwealth recurrent schools funding beyond 2018 will be negotiated with states and territories and non-government education authorities to determine schools funding distribution from 2018.

The Queensland Government has undertaken its own modelling to determine the funding that might be attributable to that jurisdiction.

Commonwealth estimates have been calculated based on an assumed Consumer Price Index indexation of 2.5 per cent plus enrolment growth applied to total recurrent schools funding.