

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 O'Neill asked on 22 October 2014 , Hansard page 111

Question

Schooling Resource Standard (SRS) and funding for 2018 and 2019

Senator O'NEILL: So are we not going to see what the difference is for years five and six in those documents? Mr Cook: We could only do what was available in the budget—because we do not know what the budget in 2018 and 2019 will be at this point. Senator O'NEILL: But we did know what the commitment for years five and six were. Mr Cook: The commitment from the previous government was—no-one was going to reach the full SRS. The aim was 95 per cent, and not all states and territories agreed to that. I think Victoria agreed to be 80-something per cent—Ms Paul? Ms Paul: I cannot remember. Mr Cook: We can provide that on notice.

Answer

Queensland, Western Australia and the Northern Territory did not reach agreements with the previous government and had no such targets.

The previous government agreed with the remaining five states and territory that the combined Commonwealth and state and territory contributions to recurrent funding would reach the following proportions of the SRS in 2019:

State	Proportion of SRS in 2019
NSW	95 per cent
Victoria	92 per cent
SA	95 per cent
Tasmania	95 per cent
ACT	N/A*

*The ACT was already funded above the SRS at the time of agreement and as such was not provided 'additional' funding to meet a proportion of the SRS.