

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. ED0675_15

Senator O'Neill provided in writing.

Capital grants to non-government schools

Question

1. With reference to capital grants to non-government schools, as outlined in Program 2.2 of the PBS: Why will the number of non-government schools benefiting from the capital grants decrease from 2013-14 to 2014-15?
2. How much money has been allocated to capital grants in each year of the forward estimates?
3. How much will be allocated to the Catholic and Independent sectors in each state/territory in each year?
4. Since 2007, and up to and including the current financial year, how much money has been allocated to capital grants for non-government schools each year? Can this be broken down by state/territory and sector?
5. Can the Department provide a list of all schools that have benefited and details of the assistance provided to each school and the works undertaken?

Answer

1. Capital funding for schools is provided on a calendar year basis. The average grant amount has increased from \$540,883 in 2013 to \$586,358 in 2014, resulting in fewer but larger grants in 2014.

2.

Financial Year Forward Estimates (\$000)			
2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
136,375	138,543	140,421	142,995

Source: 2014-15 Budget from the Central Budget Management System.

3. The following projections are based on the proportion of funding each Block Grant Authority (BGA) is receiving in 2014. These proportions may change due to movements in indexation, enrolment and demographic changes.

Projections by sector (\$000)					
		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
NSW	Catholic	28,375	28,826	29,217	29,752
	Independent	14,831	15,067	15,271	15,551
VIC	Catholic	23,047	23,413	23,731	24,165
	Independent	12,161	12,355	12,522	12,752
QLD	Catholic	15,435	15,680	15,893	16,184

Projections by sector (\$000)					
		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
	Independent	11,130	11,307	11,460	11,670
WA	Catholic	7861	7986	8094	8243
	Independent	6087	6184	6268	6382
SA	Catholic	5669	5759	5838	5945
	Independent	4839	4916	4982	5074
TAS	Catholic	1772	1800	1824	1858
	Independent	1048	1065	1079	1099
NT	NT Joint	1151	1169	1185	1207
ACT	ACT Joint	2969	3017	3057	3113
	Total	136,375	138,543	140,421	142,995

For reporting purposes, amounts for ACT and NT Joint BGAs are split 50:50 between the Catholic and Independent Sectors in that Territory

4. The following table provides a breakdown of Capital Grants Programme allocations since 2007.

Block Grant Authority allocations by state and territory and by sector (\$)

		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 (Initial)#	2015 (Initial)#
NSW	Catholic	27,130,851	28,147,567	29,340,495	27,412,822	27,911,489	28,317,193	27,918,221	27,844,535	27,604,301
	Independent	13,225,723	14,181,009	14,730,353	13,978,483	14,217,017	14,432,737	14,484,214	14,554,319	14,648,207
VIC	Catholic	21,420,071	22,232,267	23,186,508	21,852,190	22,338,270	22,675,184	22,577,693	22,616,145	22,558,527
	Independent	10,331,664	11,159,451	11,806,692	11,308,475	11,680,462	11,862,909	11,924,969	11,934,194	11,961,106
QLD	Catholic	12,985,404	14,190,063	14,741,514	14,345,146	14,665,322	14,902,977	15,117,367	15,146,384	15,278,724
	Independent	9,147,782	9,650,981	10,597,877	10,019,864	10,609,867	10,779,429	10,894,778	10,921,716	11,000,401
WA	Catholic	7,180,626	7,520,873	7,917,089	7,469,238	7,677,219	7,790,861	7,734,831	7,714,199	7,665,737
	Independent	4,724,037	5,188,022	5,575,326	5,458,962	5,749,361	5,843,946	5,959,336	5,973,260	6,109,881
SA	Catholic	5,296,697	5,490,109	5,803,262	5,445,924	5,576,765	5,658,657	5,575,050	5,563,380	5,466,526
	Independent	4,023,760	4,304,283	4,567,551	4,334,264	4,527,084	4,602,200	4,793,265	4,748,237	4,698,666
TAS	Catholic	1,603,517	1,693,067	1,778,890	1,697,991	1,734,756	1,760,816	1,744,568	1,738,716	1,724,700
	Independent	933,894	998,770	1,062,085	1,013,029	1,048,590	1,062,967	1,047,339	1,028,456	1,019,544
NT	Joint	5,963,384*	6,310,156*	1,180,626	1,148,727	1,183,866	1,199,632	1,128,305	1,129,580	1,186,623
ACT	Joint	2,718,590	2,850,382	2,987,732	2,823,885	2,893,932	2,937,492	2,927,064	2,913,879	2,904,057
Grand total		126,686,000	133,917,000	135,276,000	128,309,000	131,814,000	133,827,000	133,827,000	133,827,000	133,827,000

* The NT Joint BGA Allocation includes a remoteness element of \$4,915,000 in 2007 and \$5,196,000 in 2008.

The 2014 and 2015 allocations will be re-calculated following Royal Assent of the Australian Education Amendment Bill 2014.

5. This material is extensive and preparing this information would be highly resource intensive (in excess of 50 hours to extract). Details of all projects funded under the Capital Grants Programme in each calendar year are published annually in the Report on Financial Assistance Granted to Each State (the Green Report), which is tabled in Parliament and available through the Parliamentary Library.