

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. ED0676_15

Senator O'Neill provided in writing.

Question

Funding provided to the Catholic Education Commissions and Associations of Independent schools

With reference to the \$165 million provided to Catholic Education Commissions and Associations of Independent schools, as outlined on page 51 of the PBS:

- How much money has been provided to each organisation in each state for each year of the forward estimates?
- What are the expected outcomes of this funding for each organisation in each state? What outcomes are required as a condition of this funding? When is each outcome required by?
- Since this funding was initially announced, have there been any changes to the program? Or the activities that are funded?
- Can the Department please provide a list of the national reforms this money is assisting schools to implement?

Answer

The Government will provide \$110 million over four years to 2017 to state and territory Associations of Independent Schools (AISs) and \$54.7 million over four years to 2017 to state and territory Catholic Education Commissions (CECs), as Non-government Representative Bodies (NGRBs) under the Act.

The funding provided to the Association of Independent Schools of the ACT (AIS ACT) includes \$2.5 million per year to 2017 for AIS ACT to allocate to independent schools across the ACT to address disadvantage, honouring a funding commitment made by the former government.

The funding breakdown for each AIS and CEC is outlined at **Attachment A**.

Since the funding was announced there have no changes to either programme.

Excluding the \$2.5 million distributed by ACT AIS each year to independent schools in the ACT, NGRB funding is used by each AIS and CEC to undertake projects, activities and provide support services to non-government schools that align with the objects of the Act. These relate to:

- improving quality teaching, including but not limited to implementing relevant national standards, frameworks and charters developed by the Australian Institute of Teaching and School Leadership
- improving quality learning, including but not limited to providing comprehensive literacy and numeracy support, increasing focus on the teaching of science, technology, engineering and mathematics and providing greater access to foreign language education
- empowering school leadership, including but not limited to implementing relevant national standards, frameworks and charters, increasing parent and community engagement and conducting objective assessments of school performance and practices to inform improvement planning and ongoing monitoring
- meeting student needs, including but not limited to conducting specific activities to support Indigenous students and students with a disability
- improving transparency and accountability, including but not limited to supporting improvements to school governance arrangements, financial management practices, record keeping, data quality and public accountability.

The specific activities, projects and support services are reported annually in March by each AIS and CEC. These reports will also provide a summary of outcomes and achievements relating to activities undertaken.

Attachment A**Independent Sector**

The Association of Independent Schools of New South Wales					
Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	TOTAL
Funding Amount (GST Exc)	\$7,485,668	\$7,485,668	\$7,485,668	\$7,485,668	\$29,942,672

Independent Schools Victoria					
Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	TOTAL
Funding Amount (GST Exc)	\$5,444,491	\$5,444,491	\$5,444,491	\$5,444,491	\$21,777,964

Independent Schools Queensland					
Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	TOTAL
Funding Amount (GST Exc)	\$4,833,513	\$4,833,513	\$4,833,513	\$4,833,513	\$19,334,052

Association of Independent Schools of South Australia					
Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	TOTAL
Funding Amount (GST Exc)	\$2,093,598	\$2,093,598	\$2,093,598	\$2,093,598	\$8,374,392

Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia					
Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	TOTAL
Funding Amount (GST Exc)	\$3,207,197	\$3,207,197	\$3,207,197	\$3,207,197	\$12,828,788

Independent Schools Tasmania					
Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	TOTAL
Funding Amount (GST Exc)	\$640,380	\$640,380	\$640,380	\$640,380	\$2,561,520

Association of Independent Schools of the Northern Territory					
Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	TOTAL
Funding Amount (GST Exc)	\$510,933	\$510,933	\$510,933	\$510,933	\$2,043,732

Association of Independent Schools of the Australian Capital Territory					
Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	TOTAL
Funding Amount (GST Exc)	\$3,284,219	\$3,284,219	\$3,284,219	\$3,284,219	\$13,136,876

Catholic Sector

Catholic Education Commission New South Wales					
Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	TOTAL
Funding Amount (GST Exc)	\$4,594,418	\$4,594,418	\$4,594,418	\$4,594,418	\$18,377,672

Catholic Education Commission of Victoria					
Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	TOTAL
Funding Amount (GST Exc)	\$3,670,155	\$3,670,155	\$3,670,155	\$3,670,155	\$14,680,620

Queensland Catholic Education Commission					
Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	TOTAL
Funding Amount (GST Exc)	\$2,567,447	\$2,567,447	\$2,567,447	\$2,567,447	\$10,269,788

South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools					
Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	TOTAL
Funding Amount (GST Exc)	\$898,993	\$898,993	\$898,993	\$898,993	\$3,595,972

Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia					
Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	TOTAL
Funding Amount (GST Exc)	\$1,252,891	\$1,252,891	\$1,252,891	\$1,252,891	\$5,011,564

Tasmanian Catholic Education Commission					
Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	TOTAL
Funding Amount (GST Exc)	\$271,789	\$271,789	\$271,789	\$271,789	\$1,087,156

Catholic Education Northern Territory					
Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	TOTAL
Funding Amount (GST Exc)	\$86,032	\$86,032	\$86,032	\$86,032	\$344,128

Catholic Education Office Australian Capital Territory					
Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	TOTAL
Funding Amount (GST Exc)	\$324,938	\$324,938	\$324,938	\$324,938	\$1,299,752