

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. ED0681_15

Senator O'Neill provided in writing.

Question

With respect to children with disability:

- How many children with disability are enrolled in schools in each state/territory, and how many are enrolled in each school sector – Government, Catholic and Independent? and
- What are the enrolment estimates for future years? Please include estimated for the forward estimates, and further years if the information is available.
- Under the Australian Education Act's loading for students with disability, how much money will be provided to each state and territory, and each school sector in each state and territory, over each of the next four years?; and
- What is the total investment – state/territory and federal – that will be allocated to assist students with disability over the forward estimates? Please provide this information by state/territory and by school sector. Please also separate the state and Commonwealth contributions.

Answer

Table 1 shows the enrolment projections for students with disability for 2014 to 2017 by state or territory and sector, based on 2013 data. These projections are based on the proportional size of the students with disability population in each state or territory and sector for 2014 and based on the existing state-based definitions.

Table 2 shows the forward projections of Commonwealth funding for students with disability for 2014 to 2017 by state or territory and sector. The Commonwealth cannot provide an estimate of future state and territory spending for students with disability.

Table 1: Expected Students with Disability Enrolments, 2014-2017

State	Sector	2014	2015	2016	2017
NSW	Government	48,595	48,595	48,595	48,595
	Catholic	11,267	11,267	11,267	11,267
	Independent	6,220	6,220	6,220	6,258
Vic	Government	34,419	34,419	34,419	34,419
	Catholic	9,064	9,064	9,113	9,113
	Independent	2,736	2,736	2,757	2,757
Qld	Government	26,449	26,967	27,676	28,473
	Catholic	4,810	4,839	4,839	4,869
	Independent	2,659	2,677	2,677	2,677
SA	Government	14,754	14,754	14,754	14,754
	Catholic	1,945	1,945	1,945	1,945
	Independent	1,642	1,642	1,642	1,642
WA	Government	9,863	10,349	10,635	10,940
	Catholic	2,328	2,344	2,344	2,344
	Independent	1,042	1,042	1,056	1,070
Tas	Government	4,231	4,231	4,231	4,231
	Catholic	485	485	485	485
	Independent	375	375	375	378
NT	Government	2,645	2,659	2,683	2,720
	Catholic	311	311	311	311
	Independent	226	226	229	229
ACT	Government	1,876	1,876	1,876	1,876
	Catholic	401	401	401	404
	Independent	294	294	294	295
Total	Government	142,832	143,849	144,868	146,007
	Catholic	30,611	30,657	30,705	30,737
	Independent	15,195	15,213	15,250	15,306
Grand Total		188,638	189,719	190,823	192,050

Source: Department of Education projections as at Budget 2014-15

Table 2: Commonwealth Students with Disability Loading, 2014-2017

		2014	2015	2016	2017
State	Sector	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
NSW	Government	138.38	152.91	167.89	197.05
	Catholic	146.35	154.45	162.73	172.70
	Independent	81.57	84.96	89.33	94.58
Vic	Government	109.29	123.47	131.59	140.61
	Catholic	121.82	128.86	135.85	142.99
	Independent	36.61	38.72	41.19	43.71
Qld	Government	80.55	93.18	107.05	122.79
	Catholic	64.65	68.50	71.95	75.38
	Independent	34.31	36.44	38.60	40.80
SA	Government	43.16	45.59	48.23	50.84
	Catholic	26.41	27.71	29.08	30.50
	Independent	20.38	21.34	22.42	23.53
WA	Government	33.37	38.53	42.84	47.66
	Catholic	30.98	32.88	34.69	36.55
	Independent	13.26	14.22	15.11	16.02
Tas	Government	12.99	14.00	15.16	16.32
	Catholic	5.66	6.13	6.57	7.06
	Independent	4.26	4.63	4.98	5.36
ACT	Government	6.74	6.94	7.24	7.56
	Catholic	5.24	5.61	5.98	6.36
	Independent	7.14	7.37	7.64	7.92
NT	Government	10.47	11.48	12.60	13.88
	Catholic	3.55	3.83	4.13	4.44
	Independent	2.72	2.93	3.15	3.37
Total	Government	434.95	486.09	532.61	596.72
	Catholic	404.65	427.96	450.97	475.98
	Independent	200.25	210.60	222.41	235.29
Total - Non-gov		604.90	638.57	673.39	711.27
Grand Total		1,039.85	1,124.66	1,206.00	1,307.98

Source: Department of Education estimates as at May 2014