

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000704

Senator O'Neill, Deborah asked on 21 October 2015, Proof Hansard page 135

Students with disability funding

Question

Senator O'NEILL: By what quantum will funding for students with disability increase nationally from this year to next, and the basis on which that is calculated; does it include a different number of students or a different rate; the status of your development of a coherent plan for 2016 for students with disability, as in are you ready to go—

Ms Paul: Well, we do not have the data in yet but—

Senator O'NEILL: when this issue is to be discussed by the state ministers—

Ms Paul: Sure, we will take that on notice.

Senator O'NEILL: and the presentation of the results of the 2014 data collection, as in what is happening with that, when will that happen.

Answer

Increases in funding for all schools are in accordance with the *Australian Education Act 2013*. The 2015–16 Budget provides over \$5 billion in Commonwealth funding for students with disability over the period 2014–2017. The funding includes annual increases of approximately \$100 million, from approximately \$1.1 billion in 2014 to over \$1.2 billion in 2015; over \$1.3 billion in 2016; and over \$1.4 billion in 2017.

Decision on publication of the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) is a matter for Education Council.

Education Council was updated on the 2014 NCCD in August 2015.