

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Agency: ACARA**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000831**

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing.

*Also refer to previous hearing Question No's: SQ14-002160 and SQ15-000559.*

***ACARA - Capital expenditure for each school***

**Question**

What is the capital expenditure for each school for the latest year available? And for the last four years (or other convenient reporting period for the recent past)? Please provide the information as an Excel spreadsheet showing the total and per student income for each school, also broken down to show:

- a. Australian Government capital expenditure
- b. State/territory government capital expenditure
- c. New school loans
- d. Income allocated to current capital projects
- e. Other

**Answer**

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has provided the following response:

Capital expenditure broken down by source (Australian Government; state and territory government; new school loans; income allocated to current capital projects; other), is shown on *My School* for all schools for calendar years 2009 through 2013. ACARA does not publish school level data in Excel format, with the exception of demographic information about schools. ACARA has been directed by the COAG Education Council to minimise the risk of third parties producing simplistic league tables. School financial information can be published in conjunction with NAPLAN data to produce such simplistic league tables.

These and other *My School* data are provided in the form of Excel spreadsheets to third party data requesters under licence that prohibits publication and potential misuse. These data can be made available under ACARA's Data Access Protocols, approved by the Education Council.

(See [http://www.acara.edu.au/acara\\_data\\_access\\_application\\_process.html](http://www.acara.edu.au/acara_data_access_application_process.html))

These data aggregated to a state by sector level were provided through previous questions on notice arising from estimates hearings (SQ14-002160 and SQ15-000559).