

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 1  
**Output Group:** 1.1 – Funding for schools

#### **DEST Question No. E528\_05**

Senator Allison provided in writing.

*Refers to DEST Question No E132\_05.*

#### **Question:**

The answer to E132\_05 shows the number of Catholic systemic schools funded according to the SES model remaining constant over the period 2005-2008 while the number of Independent schools increases. Why is there no increase in the number of Catholic schools funded according to the SES model over this period? Is the percentage of Catholic systemic schools funded according to the SES model likely to remain the same over the next (2009-2012) quadrennium? When does the department estimate that all Catholic systemic schools will be funded according to the SES model and none will be funding maintained?

#### **Answer:**

*Number of SES-funded Catholic systemic schools – 2005-2008*

Catholic systemic schools are funded either on their SES score or are Funding Maintained.

- Catholic systemic schools that would have been financially disadvantaged by moving to SES-based funding have had their year 2004 per capita funding entitlements maintained in real terms. These schools will be funding maintained for the whole of the 2005-2008 quadrennium. Consequently, the number of Catholic systemic schools funded according to their SES score will remain constant over the 2005-2008 period.

The number of independent schools funded according to their SES score increases over the quadrennium as Funding Guaranteed schools move onto SES funding.

- Funding guaranteed schools are those with an 2005-2008 SES score that is higher than their 2001-2004 score. These schools have had their 2004 per capita dollar amounts guaranteed (or frozen) until the value of the new score is equal to, or greater than, their 2004 entitlements. They will then be funded according to their 2005-2008 SES score.

Funding arrangements for non-government schools beyond 2008 are a matter for Government consideration.

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Senator Allison provided in writing.

**Question:**

How many Catholic and other non-government schools will be funded through the SES model from 2005-08? Please provide a breakdown by year and sector.

**Answer:**

Please refer to table below:

|             | No. of Schools*<br>(as at 30 April 2004) |      |      |      |
|-------------|--|------|------|------|
|             | 2005-2008 Quadrennium                    |      |      |      |
|             | 2005                                     | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Independent | 665                                      | 737  | 756  | 761  |
| Catholic    | 635                                      | 635  | 635  | 635  |

\* Excludes 55 Special Schools which automatically receive maximum funding