

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1
Output Group: 1.1 – Funding for Schools

DEST Question No. E1000_06

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

Non-government schools: funding types

- a) At the hearings on Wednesday, 15 February 2006, Mr Evans provided information on the number of non-government schools by funding types as at 18 January :

Funding maintained:

| | |
|---------------------|-----|
| Catholic systemic | 971 |
| Independent schools | 207 |

Funding guaranteed:

| | |
|---------------------|-----|
| Independent schools | 183 |
|---------------------|-----|

Funded at SES rate:

| | |
|---------------------|-----|
| Catholic systemic | 642 |
| Independent schools | 668 |

Making a total of 2,671 non-government schools. (Hansard, 15 February 2006 EWRE 113)

Please confirm these figures.

- b) Please clarify if non-government special schools, receiving the maximum general recurrent grants, are included in these figures and, if so, under which of the above categories.
- c) Please provide information on the number of primary and secondary students in each of the above categories (including special schools separately).
- d) Please list the names, SES scores and primary and secondary enrolments of the non-government schools catering for students with emotional, social and behavioural difficulties that are described as 'special assistance schools' in the *Schools Assistance (Learning Together – Achievement through Choice and Opportunity) Amendment Bill 2006*.
- e) Please list the schools that have moved from the 'funding maintained' category since the end of the 2001-2004 quadrennium, including the following information:
- Names of schools
 - Primary and secondary enrolments
 - SES scores
 - Funding levels; per capita and total;
 - % AGSRC paid (if different from their SES score, with explanation of any difference)
 - Explanation of each school's circumstances (e.g. closure; amalgamation; moving to a system, etc)

Answer:

Non-Government School Funding

- a) The information provided by Mr Evans on 15 February 2006 on the number of non-government schools by funding types for 2005 is correct as at 18 January 2006.
- b) The figures provided by Mr Evans in question (a) include independent and Catholic systemic Special Schools in the "Funded at SES rate" category. Please refer to attached Table 1.
- c) Please refer to attached Table 1.
- d) A 'special assistance school' is a non-government school in a State or Territory that has been, or is likely to be, recognised by the State Minister as a school that primarily caters for students with social, emotional or behavioural difficulties.

Special assistance schools will be determined after the *Schools Assistance (Learning Together – Achievement through Choice and Opportunity) Amendment Bill 2006* has been enacted.

- e) Please refer to attached Table 2. Thirty schools moved from the 'funding maintained' category since the end of the 2001-2004 funding quadrennium because their 2005-2008 SES scores resulted in their total school SES funding being greater than their total school year 2000 funding.

Table 1 2005 Non-Government School Enrolment Summary – breakdown by funding type

| | No. of Schools | Enrolments | | Total |
|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| | | Primary | Secondary | |
| Funding Maintained | | | | |
| <i>Catholic systemic</i> | 971 | 242,902.0 | 194,242.2 | 437,144.2 |
| <i>Independent schools</i> | 207 | 44,572.0 | 83,572.5 | 128,144.5 |
| Funding Guaranteed | | | | |
| <i>Independent schools</i> | 183 | 44,014.5 | 62,151.5 | 106,166.0 |
| Funded at SES Rate | | | | |
| <i>Catholic systemic</i> | 639 | 121,476.9 | 63,907.4 | 185,384.3 |
| <i>Independent schools</i> | 612 | 115,570.6 | 125,119.0 | 240,689.6 |
| Special Schools | | | | |
| <i>Catholic systemic</i> | 3 | 33.2 | 92.0 | 125.2 |
| <i>Independent schools</i> | 56 | 1,085.6 | 1,103.0 | 2,188.6 |
| TOTAL | 2671 | 569,654.8 | 530,187.6 | 1,099,842.4 |

Table 2 List of schools that have moved from the 'funding maintained' category since the end of the 2001-2004 quadrennium (as at 18 January 2006)

| School Number | School Name | 2005-2008 SES Score | % of AGSRC | Primary Students 2005 | Secondary Students 2005 | Primary Per Capita Rate 2005 | Secondary Per Capita Rate 2005 | Total Funding 2005 \$ |
|---------------|---|---------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2245 | Barker College | 126 | 18.7% | 322.0 | 1649.0 | 1270 | 1682 | 3,182,558 |
| 16474 | Brisbane Adventist College | 100 | 51.2% | 333.2 | 225.0 | 3475 | 4605 | 2,193,995 |
| 4244 | Cairns Christian College | 102 | 48.7% | 151.8 | 71.0 | 3306 | 4381 | 812,901 |
| 2061 | Canberra Church of England Girls Grammar School | 123 | 22.5% | 424.0 | 919.0 | 1528 | 2024 | 2,507,928 |
| 4263 | Carinya Christian School | 98 | 53.7% | 275.4 | 272.0 | 3645 | 4830 | 2,317,593 |
| 16114 | Corridors College | 89 | 65.0% | 0.0 | 121.0 | 4412 | 5847 | 707,487 |
| 15626 | Deniliquin Christian School | 92 | 61.2% | 18.0 | 9.0 | 4154 | 5505 | 124,317 |
| 16412 | Dunmore Lang Christian School | 95 | 57.5% | 18.0 | 0.0 | 3903 | 5172 | 70,254 |
| 780 | Edinburgh Adventist Primary School | 102 | 48.7% | 111.4 | 0.0 | 3306 | 4381 | 368,288 |
| 16105 | Faith Baptist Christian School | 94 | 58.7% | 65.0 | 28.0 | 3984 | 5280 | 406,800 |
| 2376 | Forestville Montessori School | 120 | 26.2% | 105.0 | 0.0 | 1779 | 2357 | 186,795 |
| 16353 | Gippsland Grammar | 99 | 52.5% | 183.0 | 620.9 | 3564 | 4722 | 3,584,102 |
| 17257 | Hillcrest Christian College | 99 | 52.5% | 306.0 | 288.0 | 3564 | 4722 | 2,450,520 |
| 13656 | John Wollaston Anglican Community School | 99 | 52.5% | 370.0 | 500.0 | 3564 | 4722 | 3,679,680 |
| 4235 | Kingsway Christian College | 100 | 51.2% | 463.0 | 534.6 | 3475 | 4605 | 4,070,758 |
| 2617 | Kirinari Community School Inc | 102 | 48.7% | 37.6 | 0.0 | 3306 | 4381 | 124,305 |
| 14589 | Litchfield Christian Primary | 99 | 52.5% | 94.0 | 0.0 | 3564 | 4722 | 335,016 |
| 832 | Little St Margaret's School Ltd | 125 | 20.0% | 21.0 | 0.0 | 1358 | 1799 | 28,518 |
| 3308 | Lutheran Primary School Wagga Wagga | 102 | 48.7% | 396.0 | 0.0 | 3306 | 4381 | 1,309,176 |
| 2488 | Macedon Grammar School Co-Op Ltd | 103 | 47.5% | 78.0 | 69.0 | 3224 | 4273 | 546,309 |
| 3432 | Mowbray College | 99 | 52.5% | 371.0 | 978.6 | 3564 | 4722 | 5,943,193 |
| 2391 | Penrith Christian Community School | 100 | 51.2% | 302.0 | 273.2 | 3475 | 4605 | 2,307,536 |
| 15398 | Snowy Mountains Christian School | 99 | 52.5% | 75.0 | 14.0 | 3564 | 4722 | 333,408 |
| 4012 | St Paul's Anglican Grammar School | 99 | 52.5% | 359.0 | 943.0 | 3564 | 4722 | 5,732,322 |
| 3317 | St Philip's Christian College | 101 | 50.0% | 378.0 | 576.2 | 3394 | 4497 | 3,874,103 |
| 16096 | St Thomas Aquinas College | 93 | 60.0% | 162.0 | 102.0 | 4073 | 5397 | 1,210,320 |
| 13391 | Wagga Wagga Christian College | 98 | 53.7% | 229.0 | 231.6 | 3645 | 4830 | 1,953,333 |
| 2515 | Wangetti Education Centre | 83 | 70.0% | 0.0 | 42.0 | 4751 | 6296 | 264,432 |
| 15378 | West Coast Steiner School | 102 | 48.7% | 105.4 | 0.0 | 3306 | 4381 | 348,452 |
| 15362 | Whitsunday Christian College | 98 | 53.7% | 131.0 | 56.0 | 3645 | 4830 | 747,975 |