

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.4 – Funding for Schools

DEST Question No. E1032_06

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Refers to DEST Question No E641_06 & E087_06

Question:

Update the following question:

Please provide Budget figures from 1995-96 to the end of the current forward estimates detailing Commonwealth spending on:

- (i) Universities (excluding money advanced to universities on behalf of students under various student loans schemes)
- (ii) Government schools
- (iii) Catholic systemic schools
- (iv) Independent non-government schools

Answer:

Australian Government spending on universities and schools

States and Territories have regulatory and funding responsibility for government schools and provide supplementary assistance to non-government schools. The Australian Government is a primary source of public funding for non-government schools and provides supplementary assistance to government schools.

The attached table provides Australian Government actual and estimated spending on universities and schools for the period 1995 to 2009 as at Additional Estimates.

Australian Government Spending on Universities and Australian Schools

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	\$b	\$b	\$b	\$b	\$b	\$b	\$b	\$b	\$b	\$b	\$b	\$b	\$b	\$b	\$b
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
Universities	4.31	4.40	4.28	4.14	4.04	4.07	4.12	4.31	4.54	4.83	5.26	5.79	6.10	6.29	6.42
State schools	0.91	0.94	1.02	1.07	1.10	1.18	1.30	1.36	1.46	1.57	1.63	1.73	1.84	1.97	2.09
Catholic schools	1.01	1.10	1.22	1.41	1.54	1.74	2.04	2.16	2.34	2.55	2.77	2.99	3.22	3.45	3.69
Independent schools	0.60	0.61	0.70	0.78	0.88	0.99	1.06	1.20	1.38	1.61	1.73	1.87	2.01	2.16	2.32

Sources:

Higher Education Data

Higher Education Triennium Reports for 1995 to 2004

DEST estimates for 2005 to 2009

NB. Excludes Higher Education Contribution

Schools Data

Report on Financial Assistance for 1995 to 2004 actual data

DEST estimates for 2005 to 2009 data

NB. Includes schools general recurrent funding appropriated under the States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Acts 1992 to 2000 and *Schools Assistance (Learning Together - Achievement through Choice and Opportunity) Act 2004* only.