

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 2 - Schools

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Senator Hanson-Young asked on 11/02/2010, Hansard page 54.

Question

MY SCHOOLS

Ms Paul—The website is not misrepresentative. I know some people are eyeballing the schools that are in that statistically similar group of 60 schools. But then you have to go behind it. I am sure that ACARA would be happy to look at those two schools—Prince Alfred and—

Senator HANSON-YOUNG—The Murray area school.

Ms Paul—and explain why the index found that. For example, Prince Alfred may have a range of scholarship students, it may have a range of students whose parents have saved up a lot to send them to Prince Alfred, which I know is a very expensive school, and so on. It is possible for us to get behind that.

Answer

ACARA has provided the following response.

EastMurrayAreaSchool has an enrolment of 54 students. Data collected by the jurisdiction was supplied to ACARA for 36% of those students for use in the ICSEA calculation. Students in this school come from three census collection districts (CCDs). Of the students who were coded, 79% of the students come from one CCD; the most affluent one.

PrinceAlfredCollege has a higher rate of student address coding, therefore the ICSEA value is based on a more complete data set than the data set for EastMurrayAreaSchool.

Neither PrinceAlfredCollege nor EastMurrayAreaSchool has formally sought a review of their ICSEA score.