

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

Department of Education Question No. ED0435_14

Senator Ruston asked on 26 February 2014, Hansard page 79

Question

Funding for South Australia

Mr Cook: For South Australia for the financial year 2013-14, \$182 million. This is just government schools that I am talking about at the moment. I can give a breakdown around non-government later. In 2014-15, 375 million. In 2015-16, \$397 million. In 2016-17, \$421 million. Senator RUSTON: In the budget papers it actually showed that there was quite a significant amount of money that had originally been in the National Partnership Agreements for things like Rewards to Great Teachers and Rewards for School Improvements, et cetera, and a lot of money was redirected after this amount of money was made available. I would be interested to know, if you actually took the redirected money out of the budget, whether we actually had a situation where there was any net new money available for South Australia over the period 2014-17, the four years of the forward estimates. It seems to me that there was such a substantial amount of money redirected it is almost likely there was actually even less money available. Mr Cook: I do not think that would be the case. I would have to take it on notice. I would have to go and look at every national partnership that was made available to South Australia. I would be happy to take that on notice.

Answer

Funding provisions under various National Partnership programmes were redirected to form part of the new recurrent funding base for schools.

Of these redirections the only funding that South Australia was entitled to under National Partnership agreements was approximately \$27 million under the Low Socio-Economic Status School Communities NP and \$48 million under the Rewards for Great Teachers NP over the forward estimates. The total increase to South Australia's recurrent funding over the same period (i.e. their share of the \$2.8 billion 2013-14 Budget measure) was \$106 million.