Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2013-2014

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Question

Implementation Plans

Mr Cook: Victoria and Tasmania already have their money. All payments have been made. They were made in January for both government and non-government schools. As the usual process in relation to payment schedule for government schools and the government sector, they get one-twelfth of their payment every month. How they get that is outlined in the Australian Education Act in relation to non-participating states. Senator KIM CARR: Are you able to provide us with the implementation plan for each of those states? Mr Cook: We can certainly take that on notice. The only states that would have implementation plans would be those three participating states. Senator KIM CARR: Could I have copies of the implementation plans for the three participating states and for the non-participating states where they exist? Senator KIM CARR: Are you able to provide the committee with advice on the year-by-year funding breakdowns for each of the states?

Answer

The bilateral agreements signed by participating states and territories with the former government include each jurisdiction's implementation plan. Implementation plans are not required for non-participating states and territories.

The Department of Education is in the process of consulting with relevant state and territory departments of education on the release of the bilateral agreements for the three participating jurisdictions.