

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1
Output Group: 1.1 – Funding for schools

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Senator Nettle tabled on 5 June 2003

Question:

Does the Department maintain data on the funding of private schools from States and Territories.

If so, can the Department supply an electronic spreadsheet for each state, which contains for each private school,

- name
- address
- suburb
- postcode
- state or territory recurrent funding for the year 2000
- state or territory recurrent funding for the year 2001
- state or territory recurrent funding for the year 2002
- state or territory recurrent funding for the year 2003
- state or territory capital funding for the year 2000
- state or territory capital funding for the year 2001
- state or territory capital funding for the year 2002
- state or territory capital funding for the year 2003
- other state or territory capital for the year 2000
- other state or territory capital for the year 2001
- other state or territory capital for the year 2002
- other state or territory capital for the year 2003

Answer:

Non-government school funding from States and Territories – 2000 to 2003

The Department maintains data on the funding of non-government schools through the Financial Questionnaire (FQ). FQ data are explicitly confidential under the schools' funding agreement. Data cannot, therefore, be provided in respect of individual schools. However aggregated data can be provided. The most recent such data which are available relate to the 2001 programme (school) year.

The table below shows State/Territory expenditure on non-government schools separately for Catholic and Independent schools (and all schools). The analysis is presented separately for four income bands – that is, where the total private income of the school is:

- Income band 1: Equal to or less than \$1,000;
- Income band 2: \$1,001 to \$3000;
- Income band 3: \$3,001 to \$6,000;
- Income band 4: Greater than \$6,000.

The number of schools in each band is shown at the bottom of each block of data.

	Income Band 1	Income Band 2	Income Band 3	Income Band 4	Total (a)
Catholic, Australia					
State government grants	1019	1343	1284	1115	1235
Other non-gov, Australia					
State government grants	1,213	1,270	1,220	805	1,069
Total, Australia					
State government grants	1,027	1,325	1,243	837	1,175
Total Number of Schools	757	1,363	237	198	2,555

(a) Average State/Territory expenditure for the sector across the four income bands