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Senator Nettle asked on 5 June 2003, EWRE Hansard pages 522-523

Question:

Provide a copy of those preliminary results so far?

Answer:

Impact of the SES funding model on non-government school fees

While some preliminary analysis indicates a downward pressure on the rate of increase of non-government school fees in some sectors, this is based on only one year's data for the partially implemented SES funding model.

The SES funding model for non-government schools was introduced in 2001 and is being phased-in over the 2001 to 2004 quadrennium with full implementation in 2004. Financial data from non-government schools are collected annually, and are generally available in the second half of the following calendar year. For example, data for 2002 are expected to be available in August/September 2003.

Data for the first year of the fully implemented SES funding model should therefore be available in late 2005. Therefore definitive analysis of the effect of the SES funding model will not be possible until several years of data for the fully implemented model are available.