

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 1
Output Group: 1.1 – Funding of schools

DEST Question No. E266_04

Senator Carr asked on 5 June 2003, EWRE Hansard pages 531-532

Question:

The minister, in his budget press release, said that Commonwealth funding for government schools would increase by \$129 million, or 5.5 per cent.

Reconcile that figure with Budget Paper No. 1, table 7? It will be needed in terms of the reconciliation for indexation, enrolments, changes in capital and targeted programs, student assistance and other factors that might help explain the discrepancy.

Answer:

Budget Paper No 1 – reconciliation of data

Table 7, Budget Paper No. 1, has been derived by the Department of Finance and Administration and consists of administered and departmental expenses from a number of portfolios, including DEST. Further information on the sources of data in Table 7 have been provided in response to question on notice E265_04.

The \$129 million or 5.5 per cent increase in government school funding announced in the 2003-04 budget press release, reflects the year-on-year accrual increase in administered items under DEST Outcome 1. The programmes included in these figures are listed in the table at Attachment A, along with the item they are recorded against in Table 7, Budget Paper No. 1, where applicable.

A breakdown of the \$129 million increase in Commonwealth funding for government schools in 2003-04 is at Attachment B.

Output Group	Programme	2003-04 Budget Paper No. 1 Table 7 Label
1.1	General Recurrent Grants	Government Schools
1.2	SAISO	Government Schools
1.2	Country Areas Programme	Government Schools
1.2	ESL-NA	Government Schools
1.2	National Literacy and Numeracy Strategies and Projects	Government Schools
1.2	Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programme	Government Schools
1.3	Languages Other than English (LOTE)	Government Schools
1.3	National Asian Languages and Studies of Asia (NALSAS)	Government Schools
1.2	ABSTUDY (Secondary)	Student Assistance
1.2	Assistance for Isolated Children	Student Assistance
1.2	Indigenous Education - Direct Assistance	Student Assistance / School Education - Specific Funding
1.2	Projects to Enhance Literacy and Numeracy Outcomes (formerly Children's Literacy)	School Education - Specific Funding
1.3	Grants to Primary School Libraries Programme	School Education - Specific Funding
1.3	Quality Outcomes - Other	School Education - Specific Funding
1.3	School Drug Education Strategy	School Education - Specific Funding
1.3	Quality Teacher Programme	School Education - Specific Funding
1.3	Civics and Citizenship	School Education - Specific Funding
1.3	Grants and Awards	School Education - Specific Funding
1.3	Online Curriculum Content for Australian Schools Initiative	School Education - Specific Funding (Included in FOLP)
1.4	Careers, Transitions and Partnerships	Not Included in Table 7

Government Schools Accrual Change from 2002-03 to 2003-04

Description	\$'000s
Supplementation	142,188
Enrolments	-881
2003-04 Budget Measures	
DIMIA	-273
National School Drug Education Strategy	1,171
Transition School to Work	-2,616
IESIP	-445
ABSTUDY	1,332
Previous Budget Measures	
Migration	112
Quality Teacher Program	10,253
Civics	-693
Careers, Transitions and Partnerships	946
SAISO	5,599
National Literacy and Numeracy Strategies	-1,323
Cessation of NALSAS	-492
IESIP	1,584
Rephasing Quality Teacher Program	-10,002
Rebasing	-374
Transfer to FaCS (Rock Est.)	-67
Transfer Life Education Australia from Department Health and Ageing	87
Transfer to FaCS (CTP)	-19
IESIP 2001-02 accrual adjustments *	-17,365
Rounding	2
Estimated Total Change	128,724

* No change to cash appropriated under the programme for the 2001-2004 quadrennium.