

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 1  
**Output Group:** 1.1 – Funding for Schools

#### **DEST Question No. E067\_06**

Senator Carr asked on 1 June 2005, EWRE Hansard page 7.

*Refers to DEST Question No E718\_04*

#### **Question:**

I was looking for a precise piece of information: have you—that is, the department—undertaken an analysis of every school?

#### **Answer:**

*Public Funding for Schools*

The Australian Government is able to produce average per capita expenditure levels for government schools based on financial data published by MCEETYA. The statement referred to at the hearings referred to average expenditure. An estimated \$22.7 billion in public funding is provided annually for the 2.2 million students attending government schools – an average of around \$10,300 per student. Around \$7.6 billion in public funding is provided annually for the 1.1 million students attending non-government schools – an average of around \$6,900 per student.

Non-government schools servicing disadvantaged students may receive higher amounts of public funding per student than some government schools.