

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 1

Output Group: 1.1 – Funding for schools

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Senator Nettle provided in writing.

Question:

Why is an additional administrative burden necessary for public schools but not for private schools?

Answer:

Investing in Our Schools Programme

Schools are required to complete an application form. The requirements of the application form have been kept to the minimum necessary to meet public accountability requirements. Non-government schools also have to apply for funding through established application processes to their relevant Block Grant Authority (rather than to the Department).

In terms of project administration, State schools have the option of project managing approved projects themselves, having professional project managers oversee building projects (the costs of which can be included in the grant) or having the relevant State/Territory Government administer the project on their behalf.

The Programme will deliver \$700 million to State schools over four years. The great majority of schools are expected to receive funding through the Programme.