

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

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

#### **DEST Question No. E289\_07**

Senator Wong asked on 1 June 2006, EWRE Hansard page 87.

#### **Question:**

This is what I would like to know: if you do not agree that the MCEETYA figure is an appropriate figure to utilise in relation to student recurrent costs at an ATC, do you have a firmer estimate of the per student recurrent cost?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Average Government School Recurrent Costs (AGSRC)*

The reason for the difference between the AGSRC amounts and the MCEETYA figures is detailed in this excerpt from chapter 3 of the *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2004*:

The AGSRC amounts are expressed on a cash basis. While the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA) has moved from a cash to accrual basis, a derived cash-based collection is still used by the Australian Government to calculate its AGSRC amounts. This explains why the AGSRC amounts are different from the reported expenditure of States and Territories in this report.

The *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2004* is available online at [http://cms.curriculum.edu.au/anr2004/ch3\\_background.htm](http://cms.curriculum.edu.au/anr2004/ch3_background.htm).

The per capita costs reported by MCEETYA include accrual items such as state government redundancy payments, depreciation and a notional recurrent value of the user cost of capital. These items are excluded in the cost calculation of the AGSRC.