

## EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2008-09 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome** 2

#### **DEEWR Question No. EW019\_09**

Senator Nettle provided in writing.

#### **Question**

*Categories of non-government school funding*

Will the categories of 'funding maintained', 'maintained Catholic' and 'funding guaranteed' be continued in the same form as in the current funding quadrennium? Will there be any new categories of non-government school funding?

#### **Answer**

For the four calendar years from 2009-2012, Commonwealth funding for non-government schools will be calculated using similar categories to those used under the current *Schools Assistance (Learning Together - Achievement through Choice and Opportunity) Act 2004* (the 2004 Act).

The two categories of maintained funding under the 2004 Act (*maintained year 2000 funding* and *maintained Catholic funding*) will be combined into one category to be called *maintained year 2008 funding*. However the eligibility for, and methodology for calculation of, maintained funding will follow the same scheme as under the 2004 Act.

The 2004 Act funding category called *guaranteed year 2004 funding* will be renamed *guaranteed year 2008 funding*. However the eligibility for, and methodology for calculation of, guaranteed funding will follow the same scheme as under the 2004 Act.

The 2004 Act funding category called *current SES funding* category will be retained and the eligibility for, and the methodology for calculation of, *current SES funding* in years 2009-2012 will follow the same scheme as under the 2004 Act.