

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011–2012**

Outcome 2 - Schools

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Senator Bushby provided in writing.

Question

National Schools Special Purpose Payments

In reference to the \$18billion program, National Schools Special Purpose Payments, can you detail how much of that funding is allocated to Tasmania and what it is to be spent on?

Answer

Supporting the National Education Agreement, the National Schools Specific Purpose Payments (SPP) provide Commonwealth funding to the states and territories to support government and non-government schools.

The National Education Agreement contributes to the following outcomes:

- all children are engaged in and benefiting from schooling
- young people are meeting basic literacy and numeracy standards, and overall levels of literacy and numeracy achievements are improving
- Australian students excel by international standards
- schooling promotes the social inclusion and reduces the educational disadvantage of children, especially Indigenous children
- young people make a successful transition from work to further study.

Page 49 of the 2011–12 Commonwealth Budget Paper 3 (Australia's Federal Relations) provides a breakdown of the National Schools SPP. For Tasmania the funding (in millions) is:

	2010–11	2011–12	2012–13	2013–14	2014–15
Tasmania	246.8	260.8	277.7	294.9	313.3
Total Australia	10 662.7	11 376.8	12 212.1	13 144.7	14 166.7