

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

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

**Outcome 2 - Schools**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0173\_12**

**Senator Mason provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Average Government Schools Recurrent Cost (AGSRC)**

What are the parameters that determine the calculation of the Average Government Schools Recurrent Cost (AGSRC) which is a key driver of funding levels for non-government schools? 2. What precisely is the formula for determining AGSRC?

**Answer**

- The Average Government Schools Recurrent Cost (AGSRC) is derived from recurrent costs in government schools based on data maintained and assured by the Ministerial Council for Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs and published in the Annual National Report on Schooling in Australia.
- The calculation is based on recurrent expenses of state and territory governments for the operation of government schools and includes employee related expenses, salary on-costs and other school operating expenses.
- Capital related items, such as depreciation, are excluded from the calculation of AGSRC.
- The per-capita rates are determined based on government school enrolments for the period of expenses concerned.
- The AGSRC, while based on these figures, is derived on a cash basis in order to maintain consistency of the figures over the life of its operation.