

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 2 - Schools

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Senator Nash provided in writing.

Question

Capital Grants For Non-Government Schools

Capital grants for non-government schools In the portfolio budget statement, there's a table that details capital grants for non-govt schools. The number of schools assisted with capital support drops from 245 on 2011-12 to 127 the following year. The number of schools again drop to 127 in 2014-15 - why is this?

Answer

The Australian Government has extended funding for Grants for Capital Expenditure for non-government schools from 2008-2012 until end 2014 through an amendment, in April 2011, to the *Schools Assistance Act 2008* (the Act). This is to provide funding certainty for schools, in particular to maintain current arrangements for capital funding to 2014.

This extension to the Act has enabled a further funding round planned to take place in about September this year, which is expected to raise the anticipated number of schools to be funded in 2012-13 to about 245.

Funding under the Capital Grants Program for non-government schools is based on calendar years. For 2014-15, the estimated number of schools to be assisted with capital support reflects the last six months of support to be provided during the 2014 program year.