

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Outcome 2 – Schools and Youth

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Question

State and territories resourcing

Senator MASON: All right. Do we know which states and territories currently resource their state schools at a level above the benchmarking amounts for the school resource standard taking into consideration combined Commonwealth and state and territory funding? Do we know which states and territories currently resource their state schools at a level above the benchmarking amounts for the school resource standard developed by David Gonski? Ms Paul: I think we probably need to take that on notice and have a look at what the report said about relativities. I think that is probably the best way of doing it. Senator MASON: Because clearly they vary in the support given, and we would agree on that. Ms Paul: Yes. Senator MASON: Can that be taken on notice? Ms Paul: Yes, sure.

Answer

Based on 2009 data about student and school characteristics in the government sector and the total net recurrent income of those schools, the modeling undertaken for the panel indicated that current total Commonwealth and state funding was greater than the loaded Schooling Resource Standard in Western Australia and the Australian Capital Territory.