

**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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Senator McKenzie provided in writing.

Question

The Age article - state teachers bonuses

On 24 April, The Age reported that “less than 2 per cent of the state's teachers would receive bonuses in its first year” and that “teachers would have to pay almost \$1500 to be eligible for the scheme” through an accreditation process. What feedback has the department received from representative bodies, including unions, on the affordability of the accreditation process? How has it acted on this feedback? Why did the department choose to take this approach? How much has the department allocated Victoria for the National Standards Accreditation Program? How much has been and is proposed to be spent on teacher bonuses in Victoria?

Answer

The Age article refers to the Rewards for Great Teachers initiative. The table below outlines the funding available for teacher reward payments in Victoria under the Rewards for Great Teachers initiative.

VIC	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	Total
	10.170	31.578	63.136	63.136	63.136	31.578	262.734

As at September the Victorian Government has not signed the Rewards for Great Teachers National Partnership Agreement and therefore teachers in Victoria will not be able to access the available teacher reward payments.