

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES

Outcome: 1
Output Group: 1.1 Funding for Schools

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Please explain the decline in the secondary per capita rate of general recurrent funding between 2003 and 2004 in the following schools:

- (i) Rainbow Ridge School
- (ii) Community Christian Academy
- (iii) Norman Park Christian School
- (iv) Peter Moyes Anglican Community School

Answer:

General Recurrent Grant (GRG) funding for secondary students

- (i) in 2003 Rainbow Ridge School received GRG funding of \$5,039 per secondary student and in 2004 it has received \$4,943 per secondary student.
- (ii) In 2003 Community Christian Academy received GRG funding of \$4,616 per secondary student and in 2004 it received \$4,947.
- (iii) In 2003 Lighthouse Christian College (formerly Norman Park Christian School) received GRG funding of \$5,030 per secondary student and in 2004 it received \$5,396.
- (iv) In 2003 Peter Moyes Anglican Community School received GRG funding of \$4,283 per secondary student and in 2004 it received \$4,597.

Rainbow Ridge School for Steiner Education was the only school from the list above to have a lower per capita funding rate for its secondary students in 2004 compared to 2003.

This school offers both primary and secondary education and its aggregate GRG funding increased in 2004 compared to 2003. The school benefited overall from the introduction of the SES funding arrangements.

The per capita rates it received in 2003 included a phased-in increase – this calculation is found in the Method Statement under Sections 59, 60 and 61 of the *States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Act 2000* (the Act). In 2004, following passage of an amendment to the Act, it received funding based on the percentage of AGSRC applicable to its SES score. The school's overall entitlement has increased over the quadrennium.