

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1
Output Group: 1.1 – Funding for Schools

DEST Question No. E525_07 & E539_07

Senator Wong asked on 1 November 2006, EWRE Hansard page 124.

Refers to DEST Question No. E303_07

Question:

Please provide an update of E303_07 including supplementation.

Senator Wong provided in writing.

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Question:

Please provide these data in Excel format, as soon as possible.

This information should include all the rows and columns as set out in E303_7.

1. Confirm that the updated figures will now be the final figures for 2006, and 2005.
2. Please advise the *total* \$m differences between the updated figures and those in E303_07, disaggregated by:
 - Enrolment changes
 - Supplementation changes
 - New and closing schools
 - Other (please describe).

Answer:

Funding for Schools

The information requested above is provided in the attached Excel spreadsheet.

1. All figures for 2001 to 2005 are final. 2006 per capita rates are final. 2006 total funding is final, however, it does not include retrospective ad-hoc payments or recoveries that may occur after the end of the 2006 calendar year.
2. The attached spreadsheet includes changes that occurred in 2006 as follows:

Enrolment changes – 2006 enrolments are based on the 2006 Schools Census conducted in August 2006. 2007 and 2008 are projected enrolments based on 2006 actual enrolments.

Supplementation changes – 2006 funding entitlements include 2006 AGSRC supplementation of 6.3 per cent for Primary and 3.6 per cent for Secondary. Projected 2007 and 2008 funding entitlements are based on Forward Estimates projections.

New and closing schools

New schools - 12 Catholic systemic and 12 independent
Closed schools - 5 independent

Other – 29 schools were determined as Special Assistance Schools (SAS). SAS schools are automatically entitled to maximum funding of 70 per cent of AGSRC.

5 new Catholic systemic SAS schools (included in new schools above)
3 Catholic systemic and 8 independent schools changed from SES-based
funding to become SAS schools
13 independent Special schools became SAS schools.

Notes:

In some cases, schools have opened or closed part way through a year and, therefore, their total funding is not based on a full calendar year.

The entitlement amount for systemic schools is the amount that the school attracts to the system and may be different from the final amount allocated to the school by the system authority.

The enrolments and actual entitlements included this response may vary from other published data which does not include retrospective ad-hoc payments or recoveries generally due to enrolment variations made after the end of a calendar year.