

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

**Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth**

**DEEWR Question No.** EW0604\_12

**Senator McKenzie provided in writing.**

**Question**

***Empowering Local Schools***

"How will funding be distributed for Empowering Local Schools? Will it be by per capita, by student, by state, by school, etc or by any other model? Specifically, given that Victoria already has localised control of how its schools are run, what compensation measures will be given to Victoria? "

**Answer**

The Australian Government is currently consulting with relevant stakeholders regarding the implementation details.

The Australian Government recognises that there is already a general shift by education authorities to provide schools with greater levels of local decision-making, including in Victoria. The *Empowering Local Schools* initiative will complement existing reforms. Government and non-government education authorities will have significant flexibility to tailor the implementation of the initiative to suit their own unique circumstances.