

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

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

Outcome 2 – Schools and Youth

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Senator Mason asked on 18 October 2012 , Hansard page 55

Question

Cost of Indigenous loading

Senator MASON: The minister suggested on 4 September that an extra 32,000 students in some 3,600 schools would receive the Indigenous loading. Ms Paul: Yes. Senator MASON: What would the costs be per year for that over the forward estimates? Mr Cook: We would have to take that on notice. That comes back to being dependent on what the loading amount is which is dependent again on the final loading that we have.

Answer

The annual costs per year for the Indigenous loading would be dependent on the final make-up of the model. The model is currently under discussion with state and territory governments and non-government education authorities.