

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

QUESTION ON NOTICE

QUESTION 1 – Mr Greg Donnelly to the Minister for Education -

With respect to grants or other forms of financial assistance provided by agencies that fall within the Minister's portfolio:

- a. What organisations will receive grants or other financial assistance in 2012/13? (List all organisations where a decision has been made about their grant or other financial assistance.)
- b. What is the amount of such grants or other financial assistance in 2012/13? Nominate if the amount of assistance is a one-off or permanent arrangement.
- c. What were the stated purpose(s) given, for the use of the money, by the organisations who have successfully secured a grant or other forms of financial assistance?

ANSWER

Recipients of grants or other forms of financial assistance are yet to be finalised for 2012/2013. Detail on grants provided by the Department of Education and Communities is produced in the Department's Annual Report.



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QUESTION 2 – Mr Greg Donnelly to the Minister for Education -

How did Treasury arrive at the \$116 million figure that non-government schools will have to accept as cuts over the next four years?

ANSWER

With a reduction in GST revenue of over \$5.2 billion over the next 4 years, all NSW Government agencies have to make tough decisions to ensure the state is living within its means.

The per-capita Non-Government school funding pool will be capped for 4 years at the current level. Treasury have advised that this will result in a total saving of \$116 million over four years. It will not be capped forever. The cap won't come into effect until 1 July 2013.

Consultation will continue to take place with the non-government sector about the implementation of the cap on non-government school funding.



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QUESTION 3 – Mr Greg Donnelly to the Minister for Education -


If the GST payment to the state does not fall as predicted in 2013/14 or any subsequent year, will the cap that is being applied to non-government schools be lifted?

ANSWER

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The NSW Government can only make Budget decisions based on current forecasts. We must live within our means and meet our budget.

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QUESTION 4 – Mr Greg Donnelly to the Minister for Education -

If state revenues improve faster than expected by 2016/17, will grant levels to nongovernment schools be restored to their 2012/13 levels in real terms?

ANSWER

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5 – BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – EDUCATION – QUARANTINING ALL
CATEGORY 12 (INCLUDING SPECIAL SCHOOLS) FUNDING FROM THE
FUNDING CAP – the Hon Greg Donnelly MLC to the Minister for Education –

Can the Minister confirm the Government's commitment to quarantining all category 12 (including special schools) funding from the funding cap, including category 12 students in mainstream non-government schools?

ANSWER

Consultation will continue to take place with the non-government sector about the implementation of the cap on non-government school funding.



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BASIS FOR STATEMENT THAT THE IMPACT OF FUNDING CUTS IS ABOUT LESS THAN 1 PER CENT OF NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS REVENUES

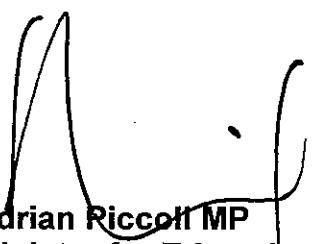
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6 – BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – EDUCATION – BASIS FOR STATEMENT THAT THE IMPACT OF FUNDING CUTS IS ABOUT LESS THAN 1 PER CENT OF NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS REVENUES – The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC to the Minister for Education –

On page 13 of Hansard for the Education budget estimates hearing on Wednesday, 10 October 2012 you said with respect to the impact of the announced cuts on non-government schools: "I understand the impact we are talking about is less than 1 per cent of the revenues for non-government schools". On what basis do you make this statement?

ANSWER

The statement was made on the basis of non-government schools having State, Commonwealth and private sources of income.



Adrian Riccoll MP
Minister for Education