

EDUCATION — FEDERAL FUNDING

35. Hon DONNA FARAGHER to the Minister for Education and Training:

Why thank you, Mr President! I refer to the 2017–18 commonwealth budget.

- (1) Will the minister advise the funding contributions from the commonwealth government to Western Australian public schools as a result of the recent funding announcement for the following years —
 - (a) 2017–18;
 - (b) 2018–19;
 - (c) 2019–20; and
 - (d) 2020–21?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Commonwealth funding is not allocated directly to Western Australian public schools, it is allocated to state governments to distribute. In Western Australia, the funds are put into our student-centred funding model and allocated to public schools dependent on the students' characteristics at those schools. The funding includes allocations for social disadvantage, locality, disability, Aboriginality and English as an additional language/dialect. It is based on a twice-yearly census of all students. The commonwealth government provided the following figures as its contribution to Western Australian public schools in its federal budget on 9 May 2017.
 - (a) In 2017–18, \$647.9 million. This is a \$91 million shortfall based on previous published commitments by the commonwealth.
 - (b) In 2018–19, \$710.5 million. This is a \$171.11 million shortfall based on previous published commitments by the commonwealth.
 - (c) In 2019–20, \$780.3 million. This is a \$152.257 million shortfall based on previous published commitments by the commonwealth.
 - (d) In 2020–21, \$854.9 million. This is a \$414.637 million shortfall based on previous published commitments by the commonwealth.