

NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS — GRANTS

1470. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to per capita grants provided by the Western Australian Government to non-government schools, and I ask:

- (a) for each non-government school, please list:
- (i) how much total funding has been allocated for 2018; and
  - (ii) the per student funding rate for 2018?

**Hon Sue Ellery replied:**

- (a) (i)–(ii) [See tabled paper no 1743.]

Funding is determined and calculated bi-annually according to the February and August censuses. The table of grants in the tabled paper represents the grants paid in Semester 1, 2018. A similar quantum of payments will be paid in Semester 2, 2018, subject to the movements in enrolments at a particular school. Per-student funding rates vary depending on the level of schooling and the funding category of a particular school. Special education loadings of 110%, 210% and 360% are provided for eligible students with disabilities on top of the base rates given below. A high-support needs grant is provided for students with very severe disabilities. Special education and high-support need grants are included in the grant totals reported in the tabled paper, according to the categories in the following table:

Funding Category	Kindergarten	Primary	Middle School	Upper Secondary
	(4 sessions) 2018 \$	(PP–Y6) 2018 \$	(Y7–Y10) 2018 \$	(Y11–Y12) 2018 \$
A	2 536	1 690	2 484	2 566
B	2 922	1 946	2 862	3 156
C	2 934	1 957	2 875	3 233
D	3 026	2 017	2 966	3 329
E	3 175	2 116	3 109	3 475
F	3 311	2 206	3 243	3 588
G	3 415	2 277	3 347	3 718
GA	5 088	3 393	4 987	5 534
H			4 987	5 534
I	6 769	4 514	6 635	7 312
J	0	9 810	14 421	15 888
HSN (High Support Needs)	14 631	36 577	36 577	36 577

The funding categories can be generally described as follows:

- A High-Fee Schools
- B,C,D Mid to high-fee schools
- E Mid-fee schools
- F Low-fee schools
- G Very low fee, predominantly rural schools
- GA Very low fee, rural boarding schools, catering for Aboriginal students
- H Curriculum and Re-Engagement Schools
- I Remote, sole provider Aboriginal community schools
- J Agricultural Schools

Six of the current State funding categories (A to G) are based on the original 12 Commonwealth Education Resources Index (ERI) funding categories. The ERI was a measure of revenue-raising ability. Additional high-needs categories also exist for students at non-mainstream non-government schools (GA to J).

Although the Commonwealth replaced the ERI with the socio-economic status and capacity to contribute models, reviews of the State's funding methodology in 2002 and 2015 recommended that the existing ERI-based model be retained.

Retention of the model was supported by the non-government school sector in Western Australia.