

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Manison to the Minister for Education:

Budget and Funding

1. At 31 March, 2016 how many schools were in deficit in their budgeting and which schools?
2. Please provide a breakdown of expenditure of the Stronger Futures Partnership money in 2014-15 and to date in 2015-16.
3. Please provide a list of all Australian Government funds provided to education in 2012-13 and 2015-16.
4. Please provide an explanation for the reduction in Northern Territory Government outlays from Budget 2012-13 when they were allocated at \$562 179 000 to \$521 527 000 in 2015-16? What were the major reductions in outlays that account for this approx. \$41 million figure?
5. Please provide the global school budget allocation (including where still provisional) for each government school (including independent public schools) in the Northern Territory for the 2015 and 2016 school year.
6. Please detail the needs based funding model including the funding formula and provision for loadings such as demographic factors, for example stage of schooling, ethnicity, indigeneity, English as a Second Language, socio-economic background, special needs and remoteness?
7. How many schools have sought funding from the Department of Education to cover sick leave and extended leave for exceptional circumstances? How many applications have been made? How many have been approved? How much has the Department of Education funded schools to date for exceptional circumstances?

Thank you for your question.

I will ask the Department to prepare all of the material you have asked for, to be ready to present at the Estimate Committee Hearings, should you wish to ask at that time.

This will avoid unnecessary duplication of work for the Department.