

**Estimates Committee 2015**  
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**From:** Ms Nicole Manison to Hon Peter Chandler  
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**Answer:**  
Answered On: 17/06/2015

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**To:** Minister for Education, the Hon Peter Chandler MLA

**Agency:** Department of Education

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**Question:** Minister, please provide the baseline funding per student by primary, middle and senior school levels?

**Answer:**

- Funding levels in 2015 are based on 2014 costs plus 1 per cent per student. Funding is provided to each school at this rate. Schools operate across multiple year levels. Funding per student by primary, middle and senior level is not possible.
- Table 1, below, provides average funding under global school budgets in 2015 categorised by school type.

**Table 1: Average 2015 funding per effective enrolment by School Type under Global School Budgets**

School Type	Average Per Effective Enrolment*
Primary School (including preschool) <sup>1</sup>	\$10 000
Middle School <sup>2</sup>	\$12 531
Senior Colleges <sup>3</sup>	\$13 784
Comprehensive High School <sup>4</sup>	\$13 883
Special Schools <sup>5</sup>	\$46 057
All other schools <sup>6</sup>	\$16 617

<sup>1</sup> Primary schools in urban and regional centres

<sup>2</sup> Includes Centralian, Darwin, Dripstone, Nightcliff, Rosebery and Sanderson Middle Schools

<sup>3</sup> Includes Casuarina and Centralian Senior Colleges and Darwin High School

<sup>4</sup> Includes Katherine, Nhulunbuy and Tennant Creek High Schools and Taminmin College

<sup>5</sup> Includes Acacia, Kintore Street, Henbury and Namarluk Special Schools

<sup>6</sup> Includes remote schools, special schools, distance education schools and homeland schools

\* Funding for special schools and high support annexes is per student, not per effective enrolment.

- The costs above include fixed, variable and targeted components of global school budgets, equivalent to \$368 million in 2015.
- An additional \$271 million in funding, comprising of \$57.5 million of centrally funded school costs such as Principal salaries and various staff allowances and \$213.8 million of support services in areas of curriculum, student support and assistance.