

Education (General Provisions) (Helping Families with School Costs) Amendment Bill 2023

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To the committee, As a teacher, I am seeing that many of my students families experience financial stress due to ongoing inflation affecting the cost of living, including rent and mortgage repayments. Some families are unable to afford the recommended book and stationary list. I'm aware that my school doesn't have a budget for these things and when students run out of supplies, the difference between whether they are able to continue engaging in learning depends on what extra supplies I have purchased and give to them. Last financial year I spent \$1500 on school supplies that I kept receipts for to claim on my tax return. These purchases typically came from Kmart, not Smiggle, Typo or any other fancy store. I'm aware that for many teachers these sorts of expenses are typical. I feel the pinch of cost of living pressures too. So it'd be nice if schools had more funds to ensure that classrooms remain stocked with the stationary needed for everyday learning. Sincerely Philip Mehigan