

Question on Notice
No. 1057
Asked on 2 September 2004

MR MESSENGER asked the Minister for Education and the Arts (Ms Bligh) -

QUESTION:

With reference to the commitment of GST funds towards the prep year-

- (1) For the years 2006, 2007 and 2008 what is the forecast funding allocation for the prep year in each school for learning resources including items such as paints, play equipment, blocks and other learning tools?
- (2) What measures will be put in place to guarantee that any GST-derived funding for learning resources will be dedicated to the prep year and not siphoned off into the wider school budget?

ANSWER:

- (1) Every state school receives a School Grant payment to meet the day to day running costs of the state school. Curriculum related materials such as paints, play equipment, blocks and other learning tools are purchased from these funds.

Currently, each state school offering years 1 to 7, receives a base allocation of \$10 000 plus \$100 per student.

For state schools offering the preparatory year (all schools from 2007) the base allocation increases to \$11 000 and preparatory year students are included in the student count.

In addition, it is proposed to allocate substantial funding to provide each State school with a one-off curriculum resource enhancement grant for the purpose of purchasing materials supporting the delivery of the preparatory year curriculum.

- (2) When the curriculum resource enhancement grant is provided to schools it will be made very clear that prep resources are to support the delivery of the preparatory year program. An accountability process will be implemented around these funds that requires schools to report on how they were used.