

**Question on Notice**

**No. 1736**

**Asked on 11 November 2009**

**Dr Flegg** asked the Minister for Education and Training (Mr Wilson) —

**QUESTION:**

With reference to schools classified as low socio-economic schools under the Federal Government's program of \$1,000 subsidy per student in order to address their disadvantage—

(1) How much will Queensland receive for schools classified as low socio-economic schools under the program?

(2) How many schools will be funded under this program and how much of this money will go directly to schools and how much will be retained for any other purpose within the department?

**ANSWER:**

Queensland state and non-state schools will benefit from all of the **\$231.75m** in Commonwealth funding as part of the Low Socio-Economic Status School Communities National Partnership Agreement over the six years of this initiative.

170 Queensland state and non-state schools will receive funding under this program.

These schools will receive direct grants of \$178.23m.

These schools will also be supported by both cluster and systemic strategies up to the value of \$48.6m. These strategies include turnaround teams, teaching and learning audits, professional development of principals and teachers, and program evaluation.

The remaining funds of \$4.88m have been allocated to project manage and lead the implementation of this initiative in accordance with this agreement. This represents only 2% of the total Commonwealth funding package.