



# Media Statement

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## Misleading Report Offers Little to Policy Debate

The latest research released by the Australian Education Union and Dr McMorrow serves only to misrepresent the current school funding arrangements.

The research is discredited because it only makes comparisons of Australian Government funding for students in different school sectors and ignores the state and territory governments' contribution.

Students in government schools receive the most taxpayer funding, and the main source of this funding is the state and territory government that owns the school they attend. The Australian Government uses a needs based funding model to support students in independent schools. However, most of the income for the independent schools sector still comes from families.

The facts are that combining both state and federal funding, a student in a government school receives on average \$11,874 each year from government sources – but a student in an independent school can receive as little as \$2,540. On average, total government funding for an independent school student is \$5,810 per year.

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Sources of recurrent funding for schools 2006-07

