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BUDGET SPECIAL

Education Funding Needs Fair, Simple and Transparent...

MEDIA RELEASE

“There are no surprises in the budget over and above what has already been released before today. Just a sense of disappointment at what could have been” say Phillip Spratt, President, Australian Council of State School Organisations.

Whilst ACSSO is delighted to note the Government has recognised there is a case to be made for additional needs based funding for education and that it will be based on the principles of being fair, simple and transparent - the government must now find the courage to apply the same principles to the highly complex funding agreements.

“There are at least 27 separate agreements overlaid with partisan models, special deals and clauses that are largely impossible to define in terms of quantity, duration, accountability and acquittal – fair, simple and transparent funding needs to apply here also.” Mr Spratt continued

The Government argues that it is applying record levels of needs based funding overlaid with an indexing model and additional accountabilities as a response to what it describes as an unsustainable alternative – the alternative that is popularly known as the Gonski model.

“The Government says that it is making record levels of funding to education with no indication of outcome improvements. ACSSO contends that the additional funding is going into sectors that already have more than enough, therefore showing no advantage” stated Phillip Spratt

“This budget highlights the fact that we need to start again with education funding. It must be fair, simple and transparent, and based on need, to build a solid foundation for the future of our children and our nation as a whole” concluded Phillip Spratt

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