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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Mr Wall on 23 June 2014: Ms Mitchell took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript P73-74

In relation to:

The funding levels for SCAN bandings 1 - 14

Minster Burch: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

All resources provided to ACT public schools to support the education of students includes funding to support those students with a disability. Some students with a disability require additional support and reasonable adjustments to enable them to access and participate in education and training on the same basis as those without a disability.

The method for allocating additional support to schools is the Student Centred Appraisal of Need. Appraisals are conducted in kindergarten, years 3, 6, 7, 10 and 11 and determine a band level for the student. Where additional resourcing is required, above their enrolment resourcing, it is provided in the form of staffing points or as cash equivalent. Schools are able to use those additional resources for staffing, professional learning or specialist resources that support the student's access and participation.

Students in bands 1 – 3 have their needs catered for in the general resources provided to schools to meet student needs. No additional resources, above that already allocated to schools, are required to make adjustments for students in these bands.

Within each of the bands 4-14 is a range of points reflecting the additional resourcing needs of students within the band. This ranges from 1.5 to a maximum of 8.52 in band 14. In 2014, the value of a point is \$3945.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2014-2015

Signature:

Date:

By the Minister for Education and Training, Ms Joy Burch MLA