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PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION DISPELS SCHOOL FUNDING MYTH

A Productivity Commission report on government services released yesterday (Tuesday 31 January) confirms that non-government schools on average still receive about half of the level of government funding per student than that received by the government school system.

Association of Independent Schools of SA Executive Director Garry Le Duff said this latest data continues to dispel the myth that non-government independent schools receive either more or the same level of per capita funding per student as government school authorities across the nation.

"Parents contribute significantly to the cost of educating their children in non-government schools, saving state and Federal governments \$8.3 billion in 2009-10 alone," said Mr Le Duff.

"This includes parents and others in the school communities contributing to the nation's capital infrastructure costs in schools.

"It is unfathomable why parent and community investment in education is seen as a negative element of the school education system by government school lobby groups."

The Productivity Commission report revealed the total recurrent expenditure per South Australian Government School student 2009/2010 was \$13,909 compared to \$7,121 per SA non-government school student.

Nationally those figures are \$14,380 per Government school student and \$7,427 per non-government school student.

SA Non-Government school students received the second lowest state government allocation (\$1,570) of all the states/territories and are below the national average of \$1,990. Victorian non-government school students received the lowest allocation of \$1,536.

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