



National School Resourcing Board's review of state and territory compliance with section 22A of the Australian Education Act for the 2022 funding year

Australian Government Response

The Australian Government welcomes the National School Resourcing Board's review of state and territory compliance with section 22A of the *Australian Education Act 2013* (the Act) for the 2022 funding year.

The Government notes and welcomes the Board's findings that all jurisdictions were compliant with their requirements for non-government school funding and seven states and territories (New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Western Australia, and the Australian Capital Territory) were compliant with their requirements for government school funding in 2022.

The Government further notes the Board's finding that the Northern Territory was assessed as non-compliant with their requirements for government school funding in 2022 under section 22A of the Act. The Northern Territory reported a funding shortfall of 2.02 per cent for the government sector in 2022, attributing the funding shortfall in part to school employee underspends due to the national teacher shortage. The Board found the Northern Territory's mitigating circumstances were reasonable following discussions with representatives from the Northern Territory.

On this basis, the Government considers no compliance action is required in relation to any state or territory for the 2022 funding year.

The Government would like to thank all those who contributed to the Review, with particular thanks to the Board Chair, Professor Bronwyn Fredericks, and Board members, Professor Janet Clinton, Ms Valerie Gould, Professor Elizabeth Labone, Professor Andrew Whitehouse, Professor John Firth, and Professor Lee Anne Perry.