

Hi Guys

Attached are some good lines for use on the topic of Education...

I'm going to send these to Minister Pyne's office as well...

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Hi Alex

I'm wondering if it is possible to get a summary of which education funding deals were finalised? More for my own information than anything else...

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Hi Allide

Peta and I were after the breakdown of the 1.2 billion that the Minister referred to in the teleconference...are you able to send something through? Cheers Leonie

Schools funding – we're fixing the Shorten's shambles:

- Labor created a schools funding system that was neither fair nor national; we'll have a system that is fair and is national, and Minister Pyne will have constructive discussions with the states again today
- For three days Bill Shorten has been asked if it's true he ripped \$1.2 billion out of the school funding system for three days he's been tongue-tied; but Chris Bowen helped out Bill Shorten yesterday by finally admitting it's true
- The Government will more than keep its election commitment to match Labor's funding over the four years to 2016-17
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- We believe that all school students should be treated fairly, regardless of the state in which they reside or school that they attend. Funding should always be directed to those that need it the most
- This Government has also discovered that the funding negotiations left behind by Labor are incomprehensible and inconsistent across jurisdictions, where funding models differ in every state and territory
- Not only is this unfair and confusing, it clearly lacks the transparency and integrity that a robust national schools funding model must have
- We're fixing Bill Shorten's shambles. It's increasingly apparent the former government utterly mismanaged this issue
- It's our responsibility to fix this funding mess and deliver funding certainty for schools, principals, parents and school communities and this is exactly what we will work to achieve

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Section 2 re schools – add words to dot point 4 re \$1.2b cut being – “over the forward estimates to 2016-17”

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- The Coalition will honour our election commitments in full including matching the funding for school education over the forward estimates
- Labor in government couldn't be trusted
- This year alone they cut \$1.2 billion out of Gonski education funding in the time between the Pre-Election Fiscal Outlook statement and the actual release of data by the Treasury
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If asked – education funding:

- We will honour our pre-election commitments in full including matching the payments for school education over the forward estimates

(The Minister for Education has declared new Coalition Government will go "back to the drawing board" on administration of billions of dollars in school funding. The Coalition committed during election campaign to provide the same \$2.8b "funding envelope" to schools over next four years, but rejected the "strings attached" to Labor Better Schools model and promised it would reduce the amount of central control the Commonwealth would have – The Australian)