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Amendments to the *Australian Education Bill 2012* introduced into Parliament on 4 June 2013 detail the Australian Government's *National Plan for School Improvement* including a Schooling Resource Standard funding model based on the recommendations of the Review of Funding for Schooling (the Gonksi review).

The legislation provides much needed additional information and responds to issues raised by Independent Schools Victoria. We will be examining the detail and seeking further explanation where required. We will be guarding against increased bureaucratic regulation and any moves that impinge on the independence of Member Schools in Victoria.

We are alerting our members not to expect that their financial planning for next year and beyond will be any easier just because the legislation is in the Parliament.

We are still unable to tell schools what funding to expect for 2014 even though current funding arrangements finish at the end of the year. This will not be clear until we know whether or not the Australian and Victorian Governments agree on funding or indeed whether there will be a national school funding agreement.

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