**Analysis Summary**

The Local Government Area School analysis identified that the independent schools have a lower budget (81% less than) when compared with government schools, even though there is one independent school greater than the number of government schools in the area (7 government and 8 independent). However, the independent schools indicate better overall performance in maths, reading and percentage of students passing than government schools.

When the scores are comparing by school’s size, the small schools rated higher in performance than medium and large schools. By evaluating scores by spending reveals the high spending per student not necessarily results in better scores.

The results of the analysis indicate that allocating more budget may not contribute to the improvement of the school’s performance. It is more likely the number of students per school (school size) that may have an impact to improving the performance of the school.

**Conclusions**

* When reviewed the analysis for Top performing schools and Bottom Performing schools it is discovered that Top performing schools had 24% lower budget than Bottom Performing schools.
* Independent schools show a 6% higher rate of overall passing when compared with Government schools.