

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Senator O'Neill asked on 20 November 2013, Hansard page 107

Question

Low SES National Partnership - schools impacted in each jurisdiction

Senator O'NEILL: The low SES communities national partnership, this program has been operating for how long now? Mr Cook: It started in the 2008-09 financial year, so I think from the start of 2009. Senator O'NEILL: When is that scheduled to end? pg 108 Mr Cook: Originally, the schedule was to end in 2014-15 at the end of next year. But the former government has rolled this funding into the school funding model, as it has with the literacy and numeracy national partnership. So it therefore effectively terminates at the end of this year. The remaining money, which I understand is about \$258 million, is rolled into the school funding. Senator O'NEILL: So that \$258 million is across how many jurisdictions? Mr Cook: That is across all jurisdictions in Australia. There are 1,790 schools involved in the program across all jurisdictions to my understanding. Senator O'NEILL: Would it be possible on notice to get an indication of how many schools are impacted in each jurisdiction? Mr Cook: We should have that information for you. We can take it on notice. Senator O'NEILL: That would be great. Obviously, Queensland, Northern Territory and Western Australia are of particular interest to me. We need it for all of them, but they are the ones who have not signed up. The funding deal with the jurisdictions that have not signed up to NRO, you have reassured me a number of times this evening that that is not going to impact on the schools in the Northern Territory, Western Australia and Queensland?

Answer

Approximately 1790 schools have participated in the Low SES School Communities National Partnership.

Number of Schools by State and Sector Participating in Low SES NP - Total

Sector	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Total
Government	4	614	99	131	206	69	243	103	1469
Catholic		77	7	30	23	4	46	28	215
Independent		33	10	8	3	1	27	24	106
Total	4	724	116	169	232	74	316	155	1790