

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1

Output Group: 1.1 – Funding for Schools

DEST Question No. E1003_06

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

Has any school, government or non-government, received grants for projects totalling more than \$150,000 in Round One?

If so, please list the school and the total amount received.

Answer:

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All IOSP Round One grants to government schools have been approved within the Programme Guidelines \$150,000 limit. However, due to GST considerations some grant amounts have been increased by 10% to accommodate Government School Community Organisations not registered for GST, thereby appearing to exceed this limit. The list of all successful IOSP government schools is on the DEST website, refer http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/school_education/programmes_funding/general_funding/capital_grants/ios/2005_approved_grants.htm

Non-government schools funds are provided through the relevant Block Grant Authority, and no funding limit applies. However, in June 2005 the Government quarantined \$100 million of the \$300 million for non-government schools to fund small projects of up to \$75,000 in value at an individual school.

It should also be noted that of the \$1 Billion allocated to this programme, \$700 million has been directed in proportion to the 68% of students in State Schools, and \$300 million to 32% of students in the non-government sector.