

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 1
Output Group: 1.2 – Assistance for people with special needs

DEST Question No. E989_06

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

Please update answer to question E570_06, and in addition to the percentage take up rate, also include a column on the actual number of students who received tutorial assistance under the initiative.

Answer:

Tutorial Voucher Initiative – take-up rates

Please see attached table.

Please note in regard to the table that the take up rate in Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia, where education authorities did not inform parents directly or advised parents late in the pilot, the take up ranged from 12% to 30%. In States where parents were advised directly of their eligibility by the education authority the take up ranged from 47% to 70%.

Total estimated number of eligible students based on 2003 benchmark data. Total number of students registered to access the Tutorial Voucher Initiative, by metro and non-metro region, and total number of students who received tuition. Data as at 28 February 2006.

State/ Territory	Broker	Number of estimated eligible students (2003 benchmark data) ⁽¹⁾	Number of metropolitan students registered	Number of non- metropolitan students registered	Total number of eligible students registered in Pilot	Take up rate %	Total number of eligible students who received tuition
NSW	Department of Education & Training	5830	2780	1271	4051	70%	3635
VIC	Progressive Learning	5717	462	200	662	12%	654
QLD	Progressive Learning	3240	331	251	582	18%	571
WA	Group Training Australia (GTA) WA Inc	1196	228	132	360	30%	300
SA	Department of Education & Children's Services	1938	723	380	1103	57%	813
TAS Non- govt	Association of Independent Schools of Tasmania	50	20	13	33	66%	30
TAS Govt	Department of Education, Tasmania	181	38	68	106	59%	96
ACT	PG Creative Enterprises	164	77	0	77	47%	77
NT	Department of Employment, Education & Training	763	NA ⁽²⁾	NA ⁽²⁾	NA ⁽²⁾	NA ⁽²⁾	NA ⁽²⁾
Totals		19079	4659	2315	6974⁽³⁾	37%	6176⁽⁴⁾

⁽¹⁾ Estimated number of eligible students, based on *MCEETYA, 2003 National Report on Schooling in Australia, Preliminary Paper, National Benchmark Results, Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7* and *ABS, Schools 4221.0*.

⁽²⁾ Data is not yet available for the Northern Territory. Total figures will increase when the pilot is delivered in the Northern Territory from Semester 1 2006.

⁽³⁾ The TVI Information Management System, which provides the data, is regularly updated. The total number of students registered for the pilot, as at 28 February 2006, is 6974, not 6979 as previously reported.

⁽⁴⁾ The TVI Information Management System, which provides the data, is regularly updated. The number of students who were registered by their parent/caregiver but did not receive tuition, as at 28 February 2006, is 798. The majority of these parents/caregivers were offered a tutor but chose not to proceed.