

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 1

Output Group: 1.2 – Assistance for individuals including those with special needs

DEST Question No. E993_06

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

English as a second language (ESL) programs:

New Arrivals:

- a) Please provide data on the level of per capita funding for eligible students under the ESL (New Arrivals) program for each year since 1996.
- b) Please confirm that this per capita rate has only been increased by AGSRC indexation over that period?
- c) Also provide data on the key elements of the program for each year since 1996, government and non-government schools separately in each of the states and territories, as follows:
 - i. Enrolments funded by the program
 - ii. Number of students assessed as requiring ESL assistance, including refugees and temporary visa holders as well as new arrivals under general migration policies
 - iii. Total funding provided
 - iv. Number of teachers supported by the program
 - v. Number and types of other staff (e.g. counsellors, teachers' aides, interpreters) supported by the program
 - vi. Student/teacher ratios
- d) Has the Department undertaken any formal evaluation of this program since 1996?

Answer

English as a Second Language – New Arrivals Programme

a)

YEAR	Per capita rate
2002	\$4,207
2003	\$4,439
2004	\$4,854
2005	\$5,039

b) Yes

c) See Table One. All students assessed by State and Territory education authorities as being eligible are funded. No data is held by the Department of Education, Science and Training on (iv), (v) and (vi).

d) No

Table One – Data on key elements of the ESL-NA Programme

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Year	State and sector	Enrolments funded by the program	Total funding provided \$
2002	NSW Government	3,700	15,565,900
	NSW Non-Government	277	1,165,339
	Victoria Government	2,412	10,147,284
	Victoria Non-Government	242	1,018,094
	Queensland Government	883	3,714,781
	Queensland Non-Government	108	454,356
	WA Government	574	2,414,818
	WA Non-Government	133	559,531
	SA Government	681	2,864,967
	SA Non-Government	53	222,971
	Tas Government	109	458,563
	Tas Non-Government	28	117,796
	ACT Government	95	399,665
	ACT Non-Government	5	21,035
	NT Government	77	323,939
	NT Non-Government	1	4,207

Year	State and sector	Enrolments funded by the program	Total funding provided \$
2003	NSW Government	4027	17,875,853
	NSW Non-Government	401	1,780,039
	Victoria Government	2706	12,011,934
	Victoria Non-Government	260	1,154,140
	Queensland Government	1030	4,572,170
	Queensland Non-Government	176	781,264
	WA Government	699	3,102,861
	WA Non-Government	107	474,973
	SA Government	980	4,350,220
	SA Non-Government	24	106,536
	Tas Government	147	652,533
	Tas Non-Government	56	248,584
	ACT Government	82	363,998
	ACT Non-Government	0	0
	NT Government	117	519,363
	NT Non-Government	0	0

Table One – Data on key elements of the ESL-NA Programme (continued)

Year	State and sector	Enrolments funded by the program	Total funding provided \$
2004	NSW Government	3,876	18,814,104
	NSW Non-Government	409	1,985,286
	Victoria Government	2,672	12,969,888
	Victoria Non-Government	307	1,490,178
	Queensland Government	1,056	5,125,824
	Queensland Non-Government	192	931,968
	WA Government	771	3,742,434
	WA Non-Government	178	864,012
	SA Government	796	3,863,784
	SA Non-Government	42	203,868
	Tas Government	150	728,100
	Tas Non-Government	33	160,182
	ACT Government	110	533,940
	ACT Non-Government	0	0
	NT Government	95	461,130
	NT Non-Government	1	4,854

Year	State and sector	Enrolments funded by the program	Total funding provided \$
2005	NSW Government	4,338	21,859,182
	NSW Non-Government	398	2,005,522
	Victoria Government	2,949	14,860,011
	Victoria Non-Government	347	1,748,533
	Queensland Government	1,370	6,903,430
	Queensland Non-Government	159	801,201
	WA Government	896	4,514,944
	WA Non-Government	156	786,084
	SA Government	1,092	5,502,588
	SA Non-Government	31	156,209
	Tas Government	200	1,007,800
	Tas Non-Government	25	125,975
	ACT Government	131	660,109
	ACT Non-Government	1	5,039
	NT Government	113	569,407
	NT Non-Government	1	5,039