

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome:

Output Group:

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

National Literacy and Numeracy strategies and projects - Reading Voucher Assistance Programme

1. What is the cost of the Reading Voucher Assistance Program? Including cost of rolling over the program for a 12 month period?
2. What performance indicators are in place to assess the program's effectiveness?
3. Has there been a difference in take-up rates by States, regions? What factors underpin these differences?
4. Please list all current providers and where are they located? Has there been a change in providers over the running of this program?

Answer:

National Literacy and Numeracy strategies and projects - Reading Voucher Assistance Programme

1. \$20.6 million over the 2006-07 and 2007-08 financial years. This programme will deliver all tuition in the 2007 school year.
2. The performance indicator for the programme is a verifiable improvement in students reading skills, as measured by, but not limited to the results of pre- and post-tuition assessment; and other evidence such as parents'/caregivers' and tutors' comments and judgements.
3. Tuition delivery will occur in the 2007 school year. Take-up rates by states, regions will not be available until the completion of the programme.
4. Tuition under the Reading Assistance Voucher programme has not commenced and tutors are currently still registering to participate.
The Reading Assistance Voucher programme is being administered by a National Programme Manager, Curriculum Corporation. Curriculum Corporation's head office is based in Melbourne, Victoria.