

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

**Outcome:**

**Output Group:**

**DEST Question No. E870\_07**

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

**Question:**

Accelerated Learning Program

There was an advertisement for a consultant in the Koori Mail on Dec 6<sup>th</sup> to evaluate and report on the Yachad Accelerated Learning Program.

1. Has the consultant been selected and if so could we know who it is?
2. Is this the only evaluation which will have been carried out on the entire project in 3 years?
3. When is the evaluation report due to be finished?
4. What has the expenditure on this program been to date? To whom are the funds released?
5. One of the sites was Yipirinya School in Alice Springs. When did YALP go in there?
6. How many students have been involved?
7. What has been taught – just English or any of the 4 other languages of the students at that school?
8. Which teachers were used on the program at Yipirinya?

**Answer:**

*Accelerated Learning Program*

1. The consultant selected is Phillips KPA.
2. This is the first independent evaluation arranged by DEST since the commencement of the project.
3. The final report is due in mid 2007.
4. \$2.3 million (excl. GST). Payments have been to the Yachad Accelerated Learning Project Ltd (YALP Ltd) and HTT Associates (prior to YALP Ltd being formed).
5. YALP commenced operation at Yipirinya School in Alice Springs in Term 1, 2006.
6. Forty-three students were involved at Yipirinya School in Alice Springs during 2006.
7. Teaching is conducted in English.
8. Israeli Educators