

## EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2007-08 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome** 2

#### **DEEWR Question No. EW87\_08**

Senator Nettle asked on 20 February 2008, EEWPR Proof Hansard page 34.

#### **Question**

Reading Assistance Vouchers

Senator NETTLE—I will start with some questions about the literacy and reading vouchers. Firstly, what are the take-up levels in each of the states? Is it possible to provide that?

Ms Hanlon—You are referring to the Reading Assistance Voucher program in 2007?

Senator NETTLE—Yes.

Ms Hanlon—Of the 80,736 eligible students, we had about 77,000 either partially or totally completing tuition in Australia.

Senator NETTLE—Is it possible to get a percentage for the take-up in each state?

Ms Hanlon—Yes, I can get that for you.

#### **Answer**

The following table shows the number of eligible students and the number of students that received all or part of their tuition entitlement by State/Territory.

State/Territory	Eligible Students	Students partially or totally completing tuition	Percentage Uptake
NSW	5,976	4,749	79%
VIC	5,076	3,986	79%
QLD	3,178	2,327	73%
WA	1,755	1,324	75%
SA	1,463	1,073	73%
TAS	347	313	90%
NT	811	503	62%
ACT	130	102	78%
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,736</b>	<b>14,377</b>	<b>77%</b>

Final numbers will not be known until all invoices for tuition delivery have been submitted and reconciled. It is anticipated this will be completed by April 2008.