

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

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Senator Nettle asked on 20 February 2008, EEWR Proof Hansard page 40.

Question

Quality Teacher Program - Summer Schools

Senator NETTLE—How long would it take the program to run in order to train all teachers if you are doing a thousand a year?

Ms Paul—Of course, that was not the intention of program. It is a previous government program. The intention was to identify the very best and offer them an intensive experience that they can then go back and share. We could, of course, work out that number, but it would be a different program we would be talking about. That was not ever the nature of this program.

Senator NETTLE—Perhaps you could take it on notice to work out that number.

Answer

The Summer Schools for Teachers Program was designed to provide 1,000 of Australia's high performing teachers with the opportunity to undertake an intensive ten day residential course of professional learning in one of the key areas of Australian history, English, mathematics, science; and literacy and numeracy.

Teachers who have completed a Summer School program are expected to act as agents of change within their school community. By sharing and disseminating the ideas and concepts taken away from the course with other teachers and school leaders, the Summer School experience can have a wider impact on school educators.

The program was never intended to reach all of Australia's teachers.