

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 2 - Schools

DEEWR Question No.EW0839_11

Senator Williams provided in writing.

Question

NUMERACY AND LITERACY IN SCHOOLS

"On the 9th of December 2010, I wrote to Minister Garrett regarding the withdrawal of Government funding from the Dorothea Mackellar Foundation. The Minister has not responded to my letter 10 weeks later. When will the Minister reply, and when will he announce his decision on the funding?"

Answer

Minister Garrett wrote to Senator Williams on this issue on 25 March 2011.

On 22 March 2011, Minister Garrett wrote to the Dorothea Mackellar Memorial Society informing it of his decision to provide funding of \$150,000 over three years (2011 to 2013) for the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards.