

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

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

Outcome 2 - Schools

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Question

**REWARD PAYMENTS FOR IMPROVING PARTICIPATION RATES AND RATES
OF YEAR 12 ATTAINMENT**

The 2009-10 Budget provided \$100 million to the States and Territories as reward payments for improving participation rates and rates of year 12 attainment. To clarify, does this funding come from the \$623 allocated for the entire commonwealth contribution to the National Partnership? What are the indicators for improving participation rates that will trigger the reward payment to the States and Territories? And in terms of Year 12 attainment rates, are the reward payments based upon reaching the 90 per cent?

Answer

The \$100 million in reward funding is in addition to the \$623 million allocated by the Commonwealth to the National Partnership on Youth Attainment and Transitions. This brings total Commonwealth funding under the National Partnership to \$723 million.

The reward funding will be made available based on the achievement of participation (2010) and attainment (2012) targets agreed under the National Partnership on Youth Attainment and Transitions, as assessed by the COAG Reform Council.

Both targets were set to act as progress measures for the COAG90 per cent Year 12 or equivalent attainment by 2015 target.

Reward payments for the 2010 participation targets will be made available based on achievement against improved participation of young people as outlined under the National Partnership (see table below). This will be measured by the total number of full-time enrolments in Years 11 and 12 plus 15-19 year olds enrolled in VET, but not in school and not previously attaining a Year 12 certificate or equivalent or an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Certificate II or above in 2010.

Participation Rate Targets in 2010

State	2010 Target	Increase on 2008
NSW	170,078	8,776
Vic.	148,003	8,343
Qld.	121,505	7,713
SA	44,085	1,987
WA	64,407	4,468
Tas.	14,649	623
NT	5,350	253
ACT	10,336	216
Australia	578,413	32,379

Reward payments for the 2012 attainment targets will be made based on achievement against the 2012 Year 12 or equivalent attainment rates outlined under the National Partnership (see table below). The reward targets are for jurisdictions to progress halfway to their 2015 attainment target.

2012 Attainment Targets

State	Baseline	Target rate	Number increase from 2009 to 2012	% increase from 2009 to 2012	Target rate	Number increase from 2012 to 2015	% increase from 2012 to 2015
NSW	82.7	85.95	15,100	3.93%	89.2	15,100	3.78%
Vic.	86.1	89.35	11,937	3.77%	92.6	11,937	3.64%
Qld.	86	89.25	9,451	3.78%	92.5	9,451	3.64%
SA	78.2	81.45	3,432	4.16%	84.7	3,432	3.99%
WA	79.7	82.95	4,758	4.08%	86.2	4,758	3.92%
Tas.	75.1	78.35	1,030	4.33%	81.6	1,030	4.15%
NT	65.1	68.35	293	4.99%	71.6	293	4.75%
ACT	93.1	94.30	332	1.29%	95.0	194	0.74%
Australia	83.5	86.73	46,333	3.87%	89.93	46,194	3.69%