

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

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

Outcome 2 - Schools

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Senator Nash provided in writing.

Question

**\$44 MILLION TO BE USED TO IMPLEMENT THE SCHOOL BUSINESS
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP BROKERS PROGRAM**

The budget papers state that Victoria is receiving an additional \$44 million to be used to implement the School Business Community Partnership Brokers Program through their local learning and employment network. What has been the amount of funding on the school business community partnership brokers program given to providers of the program in each state and territory? After taking account of the \$44 million given to Victoria, the amount provided to New South Wales is significantly higher than the other states. Over the five year period it is \$9.9 million higher than Victoria, and \$11.5 million higher than Queensland. Why is New South Wales being provided with additional funding?

Answer

The allocation of funding for School Business Community Partnerships Brokers available to each State and Territory has been determined by each State and Territory's share of full time equivalent primary and secondary students, with a 1.45% weighting applied for the remote student population. An additional \$4.4 million over four financial years was then allocated to the Northern Territory in recognition of the additional costs associated with providing services across the Territory.

A portion of funding (\$1.6 million over four financial years) was also quarantined to be used for program evaluation, provider professional development and network support activities.

States and Territories agreed to the use of this funding methodology during negotiations in the lead up to agreement to the National Partnership on Youth Attainment and Transitions on 2 July 2009.

A full breakdown of funding to each state and territory is outlined in the table below and can be found on page 17 (Table 6) of the National Partnership Agreement.

State and Territory Allocation of School Business Community Partnership

Brokers Funding

	2009-10		2010-11		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		4 year total
	(\$'000)	%	(\$'000)	%	(\$'000)	%	(\$'000)	%	(\$'000)	%	(\$'000)
NSW	7,066	32.0	14,133	32.0	14,133	32.0	14,133	32.0	7,066	32.0	56,530
VIC	5,338	24.1	10,676	24.1	10,676	24.1	10,676	24.1	5,338	24.1	42,704
QLD	4,559	20.6	9,118	20.6	9,118	20.6	9,118	20.6	4,559	20.6	36,470
WA	2,298	10.4	4,595	10.4	4,595	10.4	4,595	10.4	2,298	10.4	18,380
SA	1,645	7.4	3,291	7.4	3,291	7.4	3,291	7.4	1,645	7.4	13,163
TAS	527	2.4	1,054	2.4	1,054	2.4	1,054	2.4	527	2.4	4,215
ACT	377	1.7	753	1.7	753	1.7	753	1.7	377	1.7	3,012
NT	301	1.4	601	1.4	601	1.4	601	1.4	301	1.4	2,405
Sub-Total	22,110	100	44,220	100	44,220	100	44,220	100	22,110	100	176,880
NT Top-up	550		1,100		1,100		1,100		550		4,400
National	200		400		400		400		200		1,600*
Total	22,860		45,720		45,720		45,720		22,860		182,880