

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2011-2012**

**Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth**

**DEEWR Question No.** EW1024\_12

**Senator Siewert provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Homelands Education**

"National Education Agreement & Smarter Schools National Partnership Agreements  
1. Under the National Education Agreement how much of the \$18 billion set aside in National Schools Specific Purpose Payments is going to Homelands schools? 2. Under the Smarter Schools National Partnership Agreements, \$1.5 billion has been granted nationally over 7 years (2008/9 to 2014/15) to support low socio-economic status school communities. Of this funding, \$70.1 million has been allocated to the Northern Territory, how much of this is allocated to Homelands schools? 3. Under the Smarter Schools National Partnership Agreement for Literacy and Numeracy \$540 million has been allocated nationally over 4 years, of which 14.9 million goes to the Northern Territory, how much of this money goes to Homelands Schools?"

**Answer**

**Funding to Homeland schools under the National Schools Specific Purpose Payment**

There is no separately identifiable component within the National Education Agreement (NEA) for Homeland Schools.

**Funding to Homeland schools under the Smarter Schools National Partnership Agreement (Low SES School Communities and Literacy/Numeracy)**

There is no separately identifiable funding within the Smarter Schools National Partnership Agreements for Homeland schools.

Through the Smarter Schools National Partnerships, the Northern Territory will receive up to \$85.1 million to facilitate reform. Northern Territory education authorities prioritise this funding in a way that considers the needs of students and schools, which in turn supports innovation and flexibility at the local level.