

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2012-2013**

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Senator Cash provided in writing.

Question

Independent school funding - English as a Second Language – New Arrivals Program

How many Independent schools received funding under the English as a Second Language – New Arrivals Program in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 to date and at what cost? How many students accessed this funding at each school in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13?

Answer

The English as a Second Language – New Arrivals (ESL-NA) Program provides Australian Government funding to state and territory non-government education authorities to assist with the cost of delivering intensive English language tuition to eligible newly arrived migrant primary and secondary school students.

Non-government education authorities in each state and territory are responsible for the detailed administration of the ESL-NA Program. Catholic Education Offices and Associations of Independent Schools confirm student eligibility and submit funding claims to the Australian Government for eligible students in their jurisdictions; this is done by student, not by school.

Funding to non-government education authorities is allocated on a calendar year basis based on claims received in August and November each year. Allocations for 2010 to 2012 are outlined below. Claims for 2013 are yet to be submitted.

Independent	2010	2011	2012
NSW	\$603,037	\$518,253	\$761,886
VIC	\$295,095	\$195,193	\$374,058
QLD	\$708,023	\$397,083	\$145,440
WA	\$846,826	\$423,413	\$415,578
SA	\$115,473	\$188,468	\$90,048
TAS	\$83,401	\$41,700	\$103,890
NT	\$0	\$6,731	\$0
ACT	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$2,651,855	\$1,770,841	\$1,890,900

Student numbers are set out in the table below.

Independent	2010	2011	2012
NSW	68	60	82
VIC	41	26	54
QLD	69	36	12
WA	86	31	46
SA	15	28	12
TAS	8	5	10
NT	-	1	-
ACT	-	-	-
Total	287	187	216