

**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

Cost of English language tuition to refugee and humanitarian stream students

What funding is provided to state and territory government education authorities to assist with the cost of delivering intensive English language tuition to newly arrived students from the refugee and humanitarian stream?

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.

Funding is provided per student claimed by each non-government education authority. The initial 2013 rate per humanitarian student is \$13 851. This amount is indexed in December each year.

From 1 January 2009, Australian Government funding previously provided to state and territory government education authorities for the ESL-NA Program was rolled into the National Education Agreement.