

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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Question

Maths and science participation program

Mr Cook: The Scientists in Schools and the Mathematicians in Schools subprogram, funded from 2012 to 2016, will be \$6.5 million. The Science Connections Program, again for 2012 to 2016, is \$5 million. National Support and Advice for Teachers of Science and School Laboratory Technicians is \$1.7 million. Advice for teachers of mathematics is \$0.5 million. Illustrations of Practice for mathematics and science is \$0.8 million, and the Science and Mathematics Olympiads from 2012 to 2016 is \$2.4 million. Senator MASON: Who is administering those programs? Mr Cook: There is a range of organisations. For example, the Scientists and Mathematicians in Schools programs— Senator MASON: Could you inform the committee who is administering? Mr Cook: We could take it on notice. We will have all this detail for you.

Answer

- The *Scientists and Mathematicians in Schools* program is being administered by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation.
- Science Connections incorporates *Primary Connections: Linking Science with Literacy* and *Science by Doing*. *Primary Connections* and *Science by Doing* are both administered by the Australian Academy of Science.
- Development of the *Illustrations of Practice for Mathematics and Science* (online videos) is being managed by the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership.
- *Advice for Teachers of Mathematics* is being delivered by the Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers.
- *National Support and Advice for Teachers of Science and School Laboratory Technicians* is being managed by the Australian Science Teachers Association.
- *Science and Mathematics Olympiads* will be administered by Australian Science Innovations and the Australian Mathematics Trust.