

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1

Output Group: 1.1 – Funding for schools

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Senator Carr asked on 5 June 2003, EWRE Hansard page 544-546

Question:

1. Advise how many primary school students it had when it got the grant.
2. How many primary students did it have in 2003?
3. Confirm whether Wilgie View School operated as a kindergarten and whether it was closed at the end of 1998; it received an establishment grant in 2001; and it may have been re-established in some form.
4. Do you have another application for an establishment grant for the same school before you at the moment?
5. Advise how much Commonwealth money the school has got from any education department source or any of the program sources.
6. Would the fact that it has had several locations affect judgment at all about the payment of this money?
7. When do you calculate enrolments for the purposes of the establishment grant?
8. Is it possible that earlier in the year they had primary school students but did not keep them for very long?

Answer:

Wilgie View Learning Centre, WA

1. The school first received Establishment Grant funding in 2001. Its 2001 entitlement was based on 8.1 Full Time Equivalent students enrolled at schools census day.
2. Enrolments have not been provided for 2003 at this stage. 2003 enrolments are collected in the August 2003 census. The 2002 Commonwealth schools census shows a total of 3 students in each of the Pre-year 1 and Year 1 grades, totalling 6 students.
3. In 1997, an entity called Wilgie View School was approved for Commonwealth funding as a primary school. It was registered under the applicable State legislation to provide Kindergarten, Pre-primary and Primary education. In 1999, the WA Minister for Education changed the school's registration so that it was approved as a pre-school centre only. The school was removed from the list of schools eligible for Commonwealth funding because under Commonwealth legislation the definition of a school does not include a school at which education is provided at a standard that is pre-school only. In 2001 a school called Wilgie View Learning Centre was approved as a new primary school and received Establishment Grant funding.

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Year	General Recurrent Entitlement	Establishment Grants Entitlement
2002	\$18,672.00	\$1,500.00
2001	\$23,959.00	\$4,050.00

The school has not received funding in respect of 2003, pending advice about whether it will be offering an education program at the primary level.

6. For non-government schools to be eligible for Commonwealth funding they must be recognised by the relevant State Education Minister to provide education at the location at which they are operating. If a non-government school relocates to a different location, recognition by the State Minister of that new site is required and approval for Commonwealth funding is redetermined at the new location.

7. A school's entitlement to Establishment Grants is based on the data submitted by the school as part of the annual schools census.

8. Most schools' enrolments fluctuate throughout a school year. However, all schools have their entitlement to General Recurrent Grant funding and to Establishment Grant funding calculated on the basis of the data submitted as part of the annual schools census.