

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 1  
**Output Group:** 1.1 – Funding for schools

#### **DEST Question No. E089\_06**

Senator Carr provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

How many schools currently offer the International Baccalaureate at year 12 level and how many offer only the year 12 qualification of their respective state or territory?

What proportion of Year 12 students attend schools offering the IB?

How many students have taken the IB each year since it became available in Australia?

What proportion is this of students completing Year 12 in each of these years?

#### **Answer:**

##### *International Baccalaureate*

There are 822 non government schools with both Year 11 and Year 12 students and 1264 government schools with both Year 11 and Year 12 students. Of these, 37 schools are currently authorized to deliver the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma at Year 12. A further 38 Australian schools are currently undergoing a quality assurance process that will enable them to be authorized to deliver IB programmes within the next 18 months to two years.

In 2004, 203,785 Year 12 students were undertaking Year 12 across Australia. Of these, 2,500 students were enrolled in the IB Diploma or approximately 1.23 %.

There is evidence to suggest that there is a trend towards an increase in students completing the IB Diploma due to an increase in the number of Australian schools offering the IB. The International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO) report that the growth in the number of schools seeking authorisation to deliver IB programmes in Australia has been 20-30% per annum. In addition Queensland is expanding the IB to several state schools and Victoria and South Australia are in the process of negotiating with the IBO for authorization to deliver the IB.

Data on students who have taken the IB each year since it became available in Australia in 1981 and the proportion of students completing Year 12 in each of these years is not readily available.