

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

**Outcome:** 3

**Output Group:** 3.3 – Support for the Australian education and training export industry and international relationships.

#### DEST Question No. E429\_06

Senator Carr provided in writing.

#### Question:

(Reference: Budget paper no. 2, page 231)

This increase in the migration programme will require the provision of health, education, employment and other services and benefits for the additional permanent migrants. The costs of these services over four years are estimated at \$102.9 million of the Department of Health and Ageing, **\$102.3 million for the Department of Education, Science and Training**, \$46,4 million for the Department of Workplace Relations and \$216.7 million of the Department of Family and Community Services

What specific education, employment and other programs will be provided?

Who will provide these programs?

Will the assistance be directed towards areas of skill shortage?

What sort of assistance will be directed towards areas of skill shortage?

#### Answer:

The \$102.3 million that DEST has committed will be spent on:

- Language, literacy and numeracy training
- Schools general recurrent grants – Government
- Schools general recurrent grants – Non Government
- English as a Second Language – Government
- English as a Second Language – Non Government

#### *Language Literacy and Numeracy Programme*

The Language Literacy and Numeracy Programme provides language, literacy and numeracy training to assist job seekers in searching for employment or to gain access to further education and training. The programme is delivered by contracted providers operating from over 300 locations across Australia.

#### *General Recurrent Grants Programme*

The specific objective of the General Recurrent Grants programme is to assist government and non-government schools with the recurrent costs of school education so that they can offer students educational programmes directed towards the achievement of the Australian Government's priorities for schooling.

### *ESL New Arrivals Programme*

The ESL New Arrivals programme provides a once-only per capita grant to education authorities responsible for the provision of the student's initial course of intensive English instruction. The programme aims to improve the educational opportunities and outcomes of newly arrived students of non-English speaking backgrounds by developing their English language competence and facilitating their participation in mainstream classroom activities.