

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1

Output Group: 1.2 – Assistance for individuals including those with special needs

DEST Question No. E027_07

Senators Crossin and Wong provided in writing.

Question:

What is the level of expenditure on school-level ITAS programs per year since its inception? How does this compare with per year expenditure on school students in the former ATAS program? How does the number of school students accessing ITAS support per school year compare with the numbers of school students who accessed support per school year under the former ATAS program?

Answer:

ITAS Expenditure

\$171.1 million is being provided over 2005-2008 for school level tutorial assistance. Some \$74 million of this is planned for expenditure in 2005 and 2006. At end June 2006, \$44.5 million had been paid, in 2005 and 2006, to education providers and tutors.

In addition to the \$171.1 million provision for tutorial assistance under ITAS, \$37.8 million is also being provided over 2005-2008 to fund Homework Centres, which are now included under the Whole of School Intervention Strategy.

ATAS Expenditure

Over the 2001-2004 quadrennium, ATAS allocations included funding for the provision of tutorial assistance, and also funding for Homework Centres. Funding expended under ATAS (excluding for Tertiary Tuition) over 2001-2004 was:

2001	2002	2003	2004	Total
\$22.1 m	\$30.72 m	\$33.14 m	\$35.35 m	\$121.31 m

Comparison of number of students supported under ITAS vs ATAS

The information to enable the comparison is not yet available as not all the 2005 ITAS reports have been received.