

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. E308_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Refers to DEST Question No E989_06

Question:

1. Please provide the following information for the operation of the Tutorial Vouchers pilot in 2005 – by each state and territory and, where appropriate, for government, catholic and independent schools:
 - a. Number of eligible students (i.e. students who did not achieve the Year 3 reading benchmark)
 - b. Number of students participating in the pilot, who received a voucher
 - c. The total value of the vouchers – and the average amount per student.

Answer:

Pilot Tutorial Voucher Initiative – student participation

- a. The Department does not have access to data relating to eligible students by school sector.
- b. Please refer to the previous Question on Notice E989_06.
- c. Under the pilot, the value of the voucher was \$700. In some cases, \$50 for teaching materials was included as part of this amount.