

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2007-2008 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome

DEST Question No. E164_08

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

The \$19.6 million Sporting Chance Program aims to build on Indigenous student interest in sport as a means to engaging them in schooling and improving outcomes. This program is funded from 2006-07 to 2009-10. It has 2 elements – the Sporting Academies and Education Engagement Strategies.

1. Could you provide the funding breakdown for each of the 4 years?
2. It was expected, (from DEST website) that 12 academies would commence in 2007. How many have so far started and where are they?
3. DEST were only part funding these academies and expected other funding to come from sporting bodies, community groups, local education authorities, corporate sector or philanthropic bodies. Has this in fact happened?
4. The Education Engagement Strategy was to support the development and delivery of sport and recreation based strategies in schools. How many applications have there been for these funds?
5. How will decisions be made on this funding?

Answer:

The Sporting Chance Program

1. The budget breakdown for the Sporting Chance Programme is as follows.

Summary	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	Total
Administered/departamental funds	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Sports academies	1.932	3.136	4.052	4.349	13.469
Education Engagement strategies	1.02	1.072	1.091	1.112	4.295
Total administered funding	2.952	4.208	5.143	5.461	17.764
Departmental	0.489	0.437	0.447	0.457	1.83
Total funding	3.441	4.645	5.590	5.918	19.594

2. See E64A_08.
3. Yes.
4. Three.
5. Applications are assessed against the following criteria:
 - a. Capacity to deliver the project;

- b. Capability to deliver the project;
- c. Clarity and quality of the proposal; and
- d. Value for money.