

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2008-09 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome 2

DEEWR Question No. EW022_09

Senator Nettle provided in writing.

Question

Indigenous Youth Leadership Program

Please provide the following information on the Indigenous Youth Mobility Program:

- a) total numbers of students participating in the program, by year
- b) total numbers of public schools and private schools acting as host schools for the program, by year
- c) total number of students at each school
- d) retention rates of students, by school
- e) amount of funding allocated per student and to each host school
- f) strategies that the managing agency, the Foundation for Young Australians, have put in place to ensure that public schools are able to participate in the program.

Answer

DEEWR has interpreted the program under consideration to be the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (IYLP), not the Indigenous Youth Mobility Program (IYMP) and has answered accordingly.

- a) *total numbers of students participating in the program, by year*

Table 1: Breakdown of IYLP secondary students (new and continuing) by year

Secondary students:	2006	2007	Sem. 1 2008	Total
New IYLP students	26	98	89	213
Continuing students	0	16	79	95
Total	26	114	168	308

Table 2: Breakdown of IYLP tertiary students (new and continuing) by year

Tertiary	2006	2007	Sem. 1 2008	Total
No. of new IYLP students	5	14	28	47
Number of continuing IYLP students	0	4	8	12
Total number of IYLP students	5	18	36	59

- b) *total numbers of public schools and private schools acting as host schools for the program, by year*

Table 3: Number of approved education providers (cumulative totals)

	2006	2007	Sem. 1, 2008	Total
Government schools	0	5	7	7
Non-government schools	15	18	33	33
Total schools	15	23	40	40

The total number of approved secondary education providers does not include six schools where students received scholarships in 2006. As this was the first year of operation the students were funded, however the schools did not become ongoing approved providers.

c) total number of students at each school

d) retention rates of students, by school

Table 4: IYLP Breakdown by secondary schools, current and total students as at 30 June 2008 (per student allocation not available)

State	School	Total students 2006-2008	Retention rate (%) 2006-2008
NSW	Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School	3	67%
	St. Gregory's College	4	75%
	St. Ignatius College	10	100%
	St. Joseph's College Hunters Hill	21	90%
	St. Scholastica's College	12	92%
	Calrossy Girls School	11	100%
	Young High School	2	50%
	Coonabarabran High School	3	100%
	Dubbo College Senior Campus	1	100%
	Inverall High School	1	100%
NT	Kormilda College	9	45%
	St Phillips College	3	67%
QLD	Marist College Ashgrove	6	83%
	St. Augustine's College	4	100%
	St. Joseph's Nudgee College	8	100%
	St. Patrick's College for Girls	9	88%
	St. Teresa's College (Abergowrie)	1	100%
	The Cathedral School ¹	12	100%
	The Glennie School	15	100%
	Columba Catholic College	4	100%
	Djarragun College	1	100%
	Brisbane Boys College	1	100%
SA	Immanuel College	8	100%
	Rostrevor College	2	100%
VIC	Geelong Grammar School	7	86%
	Monivae College	2	0%
	Scotch College Melbourne	2	100%
	St. Patrick's College - Ballarat	3	67%
	Emmaus College	1	100%
WA	Christ Church Grammar School	2	100%
	Guildford Grammar School	2	100%
	Hale School	4	100%
	Iona Presentation College	8	75%
	Methodist Ladies College	4	100%
	Perth College	1	100%
	Presbyterian Ladies College	16	100%
	Scotch College	2	100%
	Wesley College	6	100%
	Ursula Frayne Catholic College	1	100%
Santa Maria College	1	100%	

e) amount of funding allocated per student and to each host school

The IYLP has provided an average of \$6,883 for each student at a host school to supplement ABSTUDY funds provided by the Australian Government to schools as contributions towards boarding, fees and tuition. Funding provided to schools through ABSTUDY, a means tested payment, varies dependent on the individual student and their family circumstances, and the students' accommodation arrangements.

In addition, IYLP has also made provision for a notional attribution of \$2,118 (GST excl) per semester, per student (\$4,236 per annum) for orientation, study tours and leadership development.

f) strategies that the managing agency, the Foundation for Young Australians, have put in place to ensure that public schools are able to participate in the program

Strategies adopted include:

- inclusion of the Australian Secondary Principals' Association (ASPA) in the National Reference Group to advise on engaging public schools in the program and to promote the program to public schools;
- the focus on boarding has been removed and other accommodation options including homestay are encouraged;
- guidelines for use of scholarship funds amended to better meet the needs of students at government schools; and
- non-discriminatory practices in advertising and selection processes for schools to become IYLP education providers.