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Question

Income of Non-Government Schools

Can you provide a table showing private schools sources of income, in particular providing a range of incomes, an indicative range of the number of schools in each category and in terms of regions as well?

Answer

The Department's annual Financial Questionnaire of non-government schools contains financial data that is collected as part of the Department's accountability framework and to provide statistical information for national education publications, reports and national bodies.

The information requested above is in the attached table. The data is sourced from the 2007 Financial Questionnaire returns which reflect the 2006 program year.

Table 1 contains the number of non-government schools by public recurrent income as a proportion of total recurrent income, by the Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia (ARIA) region.

ARIA stands for the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia (ARIA). ARIA measures the remoteness of a population collection district based on the physical road distance to the nearest Urban Centre. The remoteness levels take into account differences in accessibility to goods and services and opportunities for social interaction. There are five ARIA classifications: Highly Accessible, Accessible, Moderately Accessible, Remote and Very Remote.

Government Recurrent funding refers to income from both Australian Government and State Government recurrent grants.

Total recurrent income includes:

- School fees, including Endowed Fee Scholarships, ABSTUDY Allowances paid directly to the school, recurrent income from overseas students and income from excursions.
- Private Income from other bodies, including income from photocopiers, rent for school facilities, interest and dividends, donations for recurrent purposes, receipts from building funds and foreign exchange gains.
- State Government Recurrent Grants and Australian Government Recurrent Grants.

Table1: Number of non-government schools split into bands of Government recurrent funding as a proportion of total recurrent income, by ARIA region

Government Recurrent Funding as a Percentage of Total Recurrent Income, %	Highly Accessible	Accessible	Moderately Accessible	Remote	Very Remote	All
0 - 29.9	170	13				183
30 - 59.9	309	101	27	6	6	449
60 - 89.9	1146	503	250	45	21	1965
90 - 99.9	26	23	24	5	10	88
All	1651	640	301	56	37	2685