

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10**

Outcome 2

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Senator Mason provided in writing.

Question

Investing in Our Schools Programme (IOSP) School Music and Performing Arts Funding

1. What percentage of the Investing in Our Schools Program was spent by schools in commencing, maintaining or supplementing a school music or performing arts programme?
2. How many schools received funding to commence, maintain or supplement a school music or performing arts programme?
3. What new programmes have been put in place to assist schools in commencing, maintaining or supplementing a school music programme?

Answer

1. IOSP funds of approximately \$18.193 million were spent by government schools on projects, which commenced, maintained or supplemented a school music or performing arts programme. This represents 2.27% of funds granted to government schools under IOSP.

Breakdown of funds by type of project for non-government schools is not available.

2. Approximately 889 government schools received IOSP grants to fund 931 projects, which commenced, maintained or supplemented a school music or performing arts programme.
3. Since January 2008, funding of \$2.32 million has been committed by the Australian Government to school music education initiatives. This includes funding for the National Awards for Excellence in School Music Education, the Music Education Advisory Group, The Song Room, 'Music. Count Us In. 2008' and 'Music. Count Us In. 2009'.

The inclusion of music in the national curriculum will provide opportunities for teachers to expand and update their skills and knowledge and will also ensure students receive high quality instruction. Every Australian student will have access to the same high quality curriculum content, regardless of their socio-economic background or the location or type of school that they attend.