

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 2 - Schools

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Senator Bilyk asked on 3/06/2010, Hansard page 35.

Question

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

Senator BILYK—You said that there has been close to 1,500 teachers and other school staff attending professional development courses. How many of those courses were there? Were they run in each state?

Ms Wall—They are run nationally in every state and in regional as well as urban areas. I can get you more detail if that would help.

Senator BILYK—That would be good. I would be very interested in that, as well as for the carers. Can you give me a breakdown by state?

Ms Wall—Yes.

Senator BILYK—If you could take that on notice, that would be great.

Answer

Helping Children with Autism: Professional Development workshops

As at June 2010, a total of 1,897 school staff from 1,030 schools had taken part in 51 Professional Development workshops for teachers and school staff through DEEWR's Helping Children with Autism initiative. All sectors (government, Catholic, and independent) have participated in the workshops.

The following table details the number of schools that have participated in the workshop over 2008-2010, across all States and Territories.

State/ Territory	Number of workshops	Number of participants	Number of schools
ACT	2	88	45
NSW	13	491	250
NT	4	119	84
QLD	9	380	210
SA	5	167	88
TAS	4	141	56
VIC	9	361	227
WA	5	150	70
Total	51	1,897	1,030