

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

**Outcome 2 - Schools**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0197\_12**

**Senator Nash provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Helping Children With Autism**

Helping Children with Autism: \$190 million over four years is in the budget for a Helping Children with Autism package.

- How much of this funding will go to rural, remote and regional schools?
- How many rural, remote and regional schools will actually benefit?

**Answer**

Details of funding spent specifically on activities accessed by rural, regional and remote schools are not available.

As at June 2011, staff from a total of 670 schools out of 4,592 schools (15 per cent) in rural, regional and remote locations\* have participated in teacher workshops.

\* Includes schools in areas classified as Inner Regional, Outer Regional, Remote, and Very Remote under the Access/Remoteness Index for Australia classification.