

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Outcome 2 – Schools and Youth

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Wadeye Regional Boarding Facility

Question

Senator SCULLION: Thank you; that will be sufficient. For Wadeye, I wonder if you could provide me, on notice, with the numbers of people expecting to register as boarders there after the opening—after the smoking ceremony—and how many of them are in fact residents of Wadeye. Actually, it is probably easier to give me the number of nonresidents. If you could just break those numbers down into residents and nonresidents, I would appreciate it.

Answer

- The facility provides residential accommodation that facilitates access to secondary education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from the Wadeye-Daly River Region. The facility will be able to accommodate 40 students.
- The student eligibility and selection policy ensures that students from outstations are given priority in boarding places. However, subject to there being vacancies available in the facility, local students from within the Wadeye Township who meet the selection criteria will be permitted to board at the facility.
- At this point in the establishment of the facility it is not possible to provide projections of the makeup of the student cohort based on their place of residency.