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Outcome: 1

Output Group: 1.2 – Assistance for individuals including those with special needs

DEST Question No. E446_06

Senator Crossin asked on 2 November 2005, EWRE Hansard page 109.

Question:

In relation to Whole of School Intervention (WoSI) strategy funding for the Northern Territory:

"Are you keeping track of schools that have got funding this year that is more than last year and schools which have funding this year which is less than last year?"

Answer:

Whole of School Intervention (WoSI) strategy projects in the Northern Territory

Yes. Some 130 schools in the Northern Territory have had Whole of School Initiative projects approved as at end October 2005: Two thirds of those schools have had project approvals of \$3.854 million, compared to \$1.736 million paid to ASSPA Committees in respect of those schools in 2004, an increase of 122%. On average, some \$46,400 in WoSI funding was approved in respect of each of those schools, compared to an average of some \$20,900 in ASSPA funding in 2004.

One third of those schools had attracted \$.584m in WoSI funding to end October 2005 compared to \$1.777m paid to the ASSPA Committees in respect of those schools in 2004, a decrease of 50%. On average some \$14,000 in WoSI funding compared to an average of some \$28,000 in ASSPA funding in 2004.

Applications for round 5 funding closed on 1 November 2005. The response to Question Number E825_06 provides school level information by jurisdiction.

A national comparison at the State and Territory level is reflected in the following table.

State	2005 WoSI Allocations	WoSI Approved Funding at 9 November 2005	2004 ASSPA Expenditure
NSW & ACT	\$5,116,000	\$4,273,610.36	\$5,700,000
VIC	\$886,000	\$594,736.75	\$850,000
QLD	\$6,447,000	\$6,037,192.00	\$5,150,000
SA	\$1,299,000	\$1,260,421.65	\$1,100,000
WA	\$4,463,000	\$3,568,456.00	\$3,500,000
TAS	\$638,000	\$614,249.00	\$460,000
NT	\$5,464,000	\$4,562,850.65	\$3,350,000
TOTAL	\$24,313,000	\$20,911,516.41	\$20,110,000