

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 1

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

#### **DEST Question No's. E570\_06, E571\_06, E577\_06 & E628\_06 - Final**

Senators Wong and Crossin asked on 2 November 2005, EWRE Hansard page 73 – 74 and Senator Crossin provided in writing.

*Refers to DEST Question No. E105\_06*

#### **Question:**

1. What is the take-up rate in each of the states and territories so far? Are you able to give a breakdown for metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas as well?
2. Can you provide us with a breakdown of the number of students by state and territory who were eligible and who have got the voucher?
3. In answer to question E105\_06 (from Senator Allison) earlier this year DEST did not have figures on student participation in this scheme but said at that time you expected figures to be available later this year. Do you have data on the number of students who were eligible to participate in this trial program?
4. How many students of those eligible have to date taken up this voucher for assistance by State and Territory?
5. What is the take-up rate for the voucher in each of the States and Territories so far? Please give a breakdown for metro and non-metro students accessing the voucher in each state and territory.

#### **Answer:**

*Tutorial Voucher Initiative – take-up rates*

1. – 5. Please see attached table.

Total estimated number of eligible students based on 2003 benchmark data. Total number of students registered to access TVI by metro and non-metro region and total who have registered to access the voucher.

State/ Territory	Broker	Number of estimated eligible students (2003 benchmark data <sup>(1)</sup> )	Number of metropolitan students registered <sup>(2)</sup>	Number of non- metropolitan students registered <sup>(2)</sup>	Total number of eligible students registered in Pilot <sup>(2)</sup>	Take up rate %
NSW	Department of Education & Training	5830	2761	1270	4031	69%
VIC	Progressive Learning	5717	451	205	656	12%
QLD	Progressive Learning	3240	325	238	563	18%
WA	Group Training Australia (GTA) WA Inc	1196	228	132	360	30%
SA	Department of Education & Children's Services	1938	714	352	1066	55%
TAS Non-govt	Association of Independent Schools of Tasmania	50	20	15	35	68%
TAS Govt	Department of Education, Tasmania	181	38	67	105	58%
ACT	PG Creative Enterprises	164	77	0	77	47%
*NT	Department of Employment, Education & Training	763	*	*	*	*
<b>Totals</b>		<b>19079</b>	<b>4614</b>	<b>2279</b>	<b>6893</b>	<b>36%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Estimated number of eligible students, based on *MCEETYA, 2003 National Report on Schooling in Australia, Preliminary Paper, National Benchmark Results, Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7* and *ABS, Schools 4221.0*.

<sup>(2)</sup> Data as at 14 November 2005.

\* Northern Territory are still in the development phase of the pilot and it is too early to provide data.

Note: In VIC, QLD and WA where the education authority did **not** inform parents directly or advised parents late in the pilot, the take up ranges from 12% to 30%. In States where parents were advised directly of their eligibility by the education authority the take up ranges from 47% to 69%.