

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 1

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

#### **DEST Question No. E529\_07**

Senator Wong asked in November 2006, in writing.

#### **Question:**

Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs Programme

1. Please provide, in Excel format, total \$m allocated over each of the years 2005 to 2008 for the following elements, for each state and territory, and nationally; and for government, Catholic and independent schools separately:
  - (a) *Schools Grants element*
    - a. *Recurrent sub-element*
    - b. *Per capita sub-element*
  - (b) *Non-government centres support element*
  - (c) *National Projects.*
2. Please advise the breakdown in funding under the Schools Grants element as in 1 (a) above for:
  - a. Students with disabilities in:
    - i. special schools
    - ii. regular schools
  - b. Literacy and numeracy programs
  - c. English as a second language programs
3. Please provide details of the specific projects funded to date under the National Projects element in 1(c) above, including purposes, grantees, amount and outcomes.

#### **Answer:**

*Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs Programme*

1. The Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs (LNSLN) Programme will provide an estimated \$2 billion over the four years 2005-2008. The Programme is comprised of three elements as outlined below:
  - a) The Schools Grants element will contribute an estimated \$1.8 billion over 2005-2008. The recurrent and per capita components for 2005 and 2006 are set out in the table at **Attachment A** showing the allocations on a national, state/territory and government, Catholic and independent sector basis. Allocations for 2007 and 2008 are not available at this time.
  - b) The Non-government Centres Support element will contribute an estimated \$144 million over 2005-2008. The state/territory allocations for 2005 and 2006 are at **Attachment B**. Allocations for 2007 and 2008 are not available at this time.
  - c) The National Projects element will contribute approximately \$32 million. This element funds national initiatives and research projects aimed at improving the learning

outcomes of educationally disadvantaged students. The allocation for the 2005 programme year was \$9.021 million and the allocation for the 2006 programme year is \$17.702 million, which includes an additional amount for the Reading Assistance Programme (formerly known as the Tutorial Voucher Initiative). See the answer to Question 3 for the distribution table.

2. State and territory government and non government education authorities are responsible for the administration of the Schools Grants element and have the flexibility to make decisions on which schools, both regular and special schools, have the greatest need for additional assistance for educationally disadvantaged students. The education authorities determine appropriate funding amounts for those schools according to the principles of equity, effectiveness and efficiency as outlined in the Australian Government Programmes for School Quadrennial Administrative Guidelines 2005-2008.

3. Projects funded to date under the National Projects element are at **Attachment C**. Under National Projects element project agreements, the grantee is known as the recipient.

## ATTACHMENT A

The tables below set out details of allocations for the Schools Grants element.

### Schools Grants element of LNSLN Programme – Recurrent component

LNSLN (Recurrent) - Schools Grants element - Allocations for Government, Catholic and Independent Schools 2005

<b>State</b>	<b>Government Schools \$'000</b>	<b>Catholic Schools \$'000</b>	<b>Independent Schools \$'000</b>	<b>Total \$'000</b>
NSW	99,761	32,135	15,068	146,964
VIC	60,033	25,095	11,527	96,655
QLD	44,689	10,273	6,835	61,797
WA	23,097	7,778	3,935	34,810
SA	21,303	5,946	3,303	30,552
TAS	8,138	1,427	717	10,282
ACT	2,498	1,382	466	4,346
NT	4,598	1,132	482	6,212
<b>Total</b>	<b>264,117</b>	<b>85,168</b>	<b>42,333</b>	<b>391,618</b>

\*Totals include rounding up

LNSLN (Recurrent) - Schools Grants element - Allocations for Government, Catholic and Independent Schools 2006

<b>State</b>	<b>Government Schools \$'000</b>	<b>Catholic Schools \$'000</b>	<b>Independent Schools \$'000</b>	<b>Total \$'000</b>
NSW	104,397	33,808	16,308	154,513
VIC	62,103	25,771	12,293	100,167
QLD	46,572	10,643	7,480	64,695
WA	24,010	7,910	4,330	36,250
SA	21,393	6,099	3,518	31,010
TAS	8,284	1,501	749	10,534
ACT	2,543	1,409	500	4,452
NT	4,784	1,132	502	6,418
<b>Total*</b>	<b>274,086</b>	<b>88,273</b>	<b>45,680</b>	<b>408,039</b>

\*Totals include rounding up

**Schools Grants element of LNSLN Programme – Per Capita component**

LNSLN (Per Capita Strategic Assistance) - Schools Grants element - Allocations for Government, Catholic and Independent Schools 2005

<b>State</b>	<b>Government Schools</b>	<b>Catholic Schools</b>	<b>Independent Schools</b>	<b>Total</b>
NSW	5,465,460	5,726,672	1,861,437	13,053,569
VIC	3,401,771	3,247,355	1,414,746	8,063,872
QLD	2,289,245	1,463,115	651,016	4,403,376
WA	1,074,452	864,554	304,332	2,243,338
SA	1,898,652	987,967	892,863	3,779,482
TAS	434,179	139,684	101,048	674,911
ACT	235,611	176,462	46,437	458,510
NT	624,162	54,982	69,842	748,986
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,423,532</b>	<b>12,660,791</b>	<b>5,341,721</b>	<b>33,426,044</b>

\*Totals include rounding up

LNSLN (Per Capita Strategic Assistance) - Schools Grants element - Allocations for Government, Catholic and Independent Schools 2006

<b>State</b>	<b>Government Schools \$'000</b>	<b>Catholic Schools \$'000</b>	<b>Independent Schools \$'000</b>	<b>Total \$'000</b>
NSW	5,920,530	6,358,438	1,996,892	14,275,860
VIC	3,774,108	3,767,387	1,549,309	9,090,804
QLD	2,613,133	1,743,342	780,489	5,136,964
WA	1,091,552	1,025,559	325,982	2,443,093
SA	2,099,158	1,069,905	933,133	4,102,196
TAS	455,023	147,508	115,299	717,830
ACT	255,547	183,374	57,416	496,337
NT	553,630	68,775	70,331	692,736
<b>Total*</b>	<b>16,762,681</b>	<b>14,364,288</b>	<b>5,828,851</b>	<b>36,955,820</b>

\*Totals include rounding up

## ATTACHMENT B

### Non-Government Centres Support element of the LNSLN Programme

LNSLN - Non-government Centres Support Element - Allocations for Non-government Centres, 2005 & 2006

<b>State</b>	<b>\$ allocation 2005</b>	<b>\$ allocation 2006</b>
NSW	10,952,015	11,606,607
VIC	7,233,427	7,725,986
QLD *	7,575,000	7,575,000
WA	1,393,626	1,814,470
SA *	4,157,000	4,157,000
TAS	354,514	522,399
ACT	624,705	660,537
NT	298,713	461,001
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$32,589,000</b>	<b>34,523,000</b>

\* These states are funding maintained under the new funding allocative mechanism in 2005.

## Question 3

The following projects have been funded under the National Projects element of the Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs (LNSLN) Programme in the programme years 2005-2006.

## 2005 Programme Year

Project Title/Purpose	Recipient	Funding (GST excl)	Outcome
National Inquiry into Teaching Literacy:  Examination of national and international reading research, teacher preparation and practices for the effective teaching of literacy, particularly reading.	Australian Council for Educational Research Ltd	\$249,100	Provision of research services
	Secretariat Australia Pty Ltd	\$70,370	Provision of support services to the Inquiry
	JS McMillan Pty Ltd	\$41,268	Printing of reports for the Inquiry
	Rohl Family Trust	\$8,000	Provision of research services by Associate Prof Mary Rohl
Tutorial Voucher Initiative Evaluation	Erebus International Pty Ltd	\$312,700	<i>The Report on the Evaluation of the Pilot Tutorial Voucher Initiative, and Executive Summary and Case Studies released</i>
National Literacy and Numeracy Week (NLNW) 2005:  Promotion of best practice in literacy and numeracy education, and recognition of outstanding results in Australian schools.	State and Territory education departments	\$1,000,000	State and Territory management and coordination of NLNW 2005 activities
	Horizon Communications Group Pty Ltd	\$370,000	Public Relations services
	JS McMillan Pty Ltd	\$36,982	Printing and distribution of NLNW 2005 promotional materials
	Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers Inc	\$10,000	Reach for the Stars national numeracy event

<p>Read Aloud Summit 2005:</p> <p>Promotion of good practice and innovation in 'read aloud' programmes in years prior to school.</p>	<p>Venue Marketing Service Pty Ltd</p> <p>DKC International Pty Ltd</p>	<p>\$37,936</p> <p>\$165,750</p>	<p>Venue and accommodation services</p> <p>Conference management</p>	<p>Services delivered</p>
<p>Literacy and Numeracy in the Middle Years of Schooling- Strand A:</p> <p>Improvement of teachers' understanding about best practices in literacy/numeracy assessment and teaching instruction in the middle years of schooling.</p>	<p>Department of Education and Training WA</p> <p>Department of Education and Training Victoria</p> <p>South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools Inc</p> <p>ACT Department of Education and Training</p>	<p>\$450,000</p> <p>\$850,000</p> <p>\$36,044</p> <p>\$150,000</p>	<p>WA State Middle Years project investigating numeracy assessment teaching strategies</p> <p>Victorian State Middle Years project investigating literacy and numeracy assessment teaching strategies</p> <p>Contract variation for the SA State Middle Years project investigating literacy and numeracy assessment teaching strategies</p> <p>ACT State Middle Years project investigating numeracy assessment teaching strategies</p>	<p>Project reports will be released in 2007</p>
<p>Printing of Seven Numeracy Research and Development Initiative Reports:</p>	<p>JS McMillan Pty Ltd</p>	<p>\$84,540</p>		<p>Reports released:</p> <p><i>What's making the difference? : Achieving outstanding numeracy outcomes in NSW primary schools</i></p> <p><i>Teachers enhancing numeracy</i></p> <p><i>Numeracy across the curriculum</i></p> <p><i>Profiling high numeracy achievement</i></p> <p><i>Building mathematical</i></p>

				<p><i>understanding in the classroom: a constructivist teaching approach</i></p> <p><i>Developing computation</i></p> <p><i>Assessing numeracy in primary school</i></p>
<p>Hosting and Maintenance of the Website  <a href="http://inteachershands.education.cu.edu.au">http://inteachershands.education.cu.edu.au</a></p> <p>Dissemination to a national and international audience the findings of the research project <i>In Teachers' Hands: Effective Literacy Teaching Practices in the Early Years of Schooling</i> through the above website</p>	Edith Cowan University	\$42,109		Services being delivered up to 31 December 2007
Development and distribution of a CD containing the Final Reports of Round Two Literacy and Numeracy Innovative Projects Initiative	JS McMillan Pty Ltd	\$30,146		CD <i>Literacy and Numeracy Innovative Projects Initiative: Final reports for Round Two</i> released
<p>Computer Technologies for Schools:</p> <p>Facilitate the donation of superseded computers and related equipment from Australian Government, State/Territory and local governments, and private companies to schools in greatest need across Australia.</p>	<p>Boronia Consulting Pty Ltd</p> <p>South Australian Department of Education and Children's Services (SA DECS)</p>	<p>\$385,196</p> <p>\$175,000</p>	<p>Provision of contract management services in response to an RFT</p> <p>Out-servicing of contract management services. SA DECS then sourced a provider for the Project.</p>	Services being delivered



<p>Online Digital Content in Australian Schools:</p> <p>Pilot project aiming to advance the use of online digital content in Australian schools. The Project seeks to mentor other schools to develop their understanding of the use of online digital content, and facilitates professional exchange across sectors.</p>	<p>Northern Beaches Christian School</p>	<p>\$15,000</p>	<p>Project being delivered</p>
<p>Best Buddies:</p> <p>Develop friendships between students with and without intellectual disability in Years 10 and 11 mainstream high schools.</p>	<p>Best Buddies Australia</p>	<p>\$100,000</p>	<p>Project being delivered</p>
<p>Effective Teaching and Learning Practices for Students with Learning Difficulties in the Northern Territory:</p> <p>Identification of a range of learning difficulties, diagnostic and research information for teachers and parents to support students with disabilities and learning difficulties, and the development of a web-based package to access information and teaching resources.</p>	<p>Northern Territory Department of Employment, Education and Training</p>	<p>\$100,000</p>	<p>Project to be delivered</p>

<p>Career Pathways in Early Childhood Education Qualifications:</p> <p>Investigation of the means by which the early childhood education and childcare sectors could be more closely aligned through provision of career pathways.</p>	<p>University of Canberra</p>	<p>\$77,984</p>	<p>Report <i>Pathways to a profession: Education and training in early childhood education and care, Australia</i> released</p>
<p>Funding support for the Deadly Vibe magazine, a magazine that is provided free of charge to Indigenous school students across Australia. The magazine promotes the Indigenous Education Ambassadors programme and Indigenous education programmes generally, with a range of practical literacy and numeracy activities.</p>	<p>Vibe Australia Pty Ltd</p>	<p>\$300,000</p>	<p>Project delivered</p>
<p>Books in Homes in Murdi Paaki:</p> <p>Provision of books for all school aged children in Murdi Paaki region, NSW.</p>	<p>Alan Duff, John Brett Kingston and Michael William Retter, trustees of the charitable trust known as the 'Alan Duff Charitable Foundation for Books in Homes in Australia'</p>	<p>\$330,000</p>	<p>Services delivered</p>
<p>Implementing of the Australian Component of the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS):</p> <p>Supports an international assessment of Year 4 and Year 8 students in mathematics and science.</p>	<p>Australian Council for Educational Research Ltd</p>	<p>\$1,200,000</p>	<p>Project being delivered</p>

<p>Implementing the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA) Performance, Measurement and Reporting Taskforce (PMRT) 2005-06:</p> <p>Supports the development and maintenance of key performance measures as a basis for national reporting in agreed areas against the National Goals for Schooling.</p>	Queensland Department of Education, Training and the Arts	\$2,101,096	Project delivered
<p>Hosting and Maintenance of the Literacy Assessment Professional Development Website (<i>Literacy Assessment: Strategies from the National School English Literacy Survey</i>)</p>	Education.au Ltd	\$20,102	Services delivered
<p>National Coordinator for Literacy Research Projects</p>	Griffith University	\$72,024	Services delivered
<p>National Coordinator for Numeracy Research Projects</p>	Melbourne University Private Ltd	\$70,000	Services delivered
<p>Clearinghouse for Literacy and Numeracy Research Projects</p>	Griffith University	\$22,003	Services delivered
<p>SPELD NSW Literacy Internet Package:</p> <p>Online professional development for teachers in the early identification of specific learning difficulties.</p>	SPELD NSW Inc	\$33,000	Project being delivered

<p>Funding Contribution to Host the AATE/ALEA National Conference 2005:</p> <p>Promotion of best practice in literacy education and English teaching, and development of effective communication and literacy skills in students from a range of backgrounds.</p>	<p>Australian Association for the Teaching of English Inc (AATE)</p>	<p>\$10,000</p>	<p>Conference held July 2005</p>
<p>Funding Contribution Towards the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for the Psychology of Mathematics Education:</p> <p>Promotion of international contacts and exchange of information in the psychology of mathematics.</p>	<p>The University of Melbourne</p>	<p>\$25,000</p>	<p>Conference held July 2005</p>
<p>Research to Establish the Cost of a Pre-Service Country Teaching Placement for an Individual Participant:</p> <p>Research into the costs of a pre-service country teaching placement for individual students.</p>	<p>Rural Education Forum Australia Inc</p>	<p>\$35,600</p>	<p>Project being delivered</p>

## 2006 Programme Year

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<p>National Literacy and Numeracy Week (NLNW) 2006:</p> <p>Promotion of best practice in literacy and numeracy education, and recognition of outstanding results in Australian schools.</p>	<p>State and Territory education departments</p> <p>Horizon Communications Group Pty Ltd</p> <p>JS McMillan Pty Ltd</p> <p>Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers Inc</p>	<p>\$1,080,060 State and Territory management and coordination of NLNW 2005 activities</p> <p>\$628,100 Public Relations services</p> <p>\$30,309 Printing and distribution of NLNW 2005 promotional materials</p> <p>\$10,500 Reach for the Stars national numeracy event</p>	<p>Services delivered</p>
<p>Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators International Conference:</p> <p>Supports the development of quality books for children, and promotes author participation in NLNW.</p>	<p>Highlighting Writing Pty Ltd</p>	<p>\$8,000</p>	<p>Conference held</p>
<p>2006 Read Aloud Workshop:</p> <p>Brought together delegates to discuss the development of practical strategies to assist parents to engage in early literacy activities with their children. Held during NLNW 2006.</p>	<p>DKC International Pty Ltd</p>	<p>\$31,608</p>	<p>Services delivered</p>

<p>National Inquiry into Teaching Literacy Project:</p> <p>Examination of national and international reading research, teacher preparation and practices for the effective teaching of literacy, particularly reading.</p>	<p>Australian Council for Educational Research Ltd</p>	<p>\$2,100</p>	<p>Provision of research services</p>	<p>Report <i>Teaching Reading</i> released</p>
<p>Literacy and Numeracy Innovative Projects Initiative: Round Three:</p> <p>The Literacy and Numeracy Innovative Projects Initiative supports small-scale, community based projects and initiatives which aim to improve the literacy and numeracy outcomes of students in the early and middle years of schooling who are at risk of not achieving the nationally agreed benchmarks for Years 3, 5 and 7 or other acceptable minimum standards for students beyond Year 7.</p>	<p>Murdoch University</p> <p>Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council</p> <p>Griffith University</p> <p>University of New England</p> <p>Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology</p> <p>Curtin University of Technology</p>	<p>\$40,000</p> <p>\$39,900</p> <p>\$38,782</p> <p>\$40,000</p> <p>\$40,000</p> <p>\$39,700</p>	<p>Whiteboard Technology: Engaging children with literacy and numeracy rich contexts.</p> <p>Smart adults, smart kids: Educating Indigenous adults for promoting early literacy and numeracy development for Indigenous kids</p> <p>Improving Literacy Outcomes for Samoan-Australian Students in Logan City</p> <p>Numeracy and Literacy-in-Mathematics: Communications via vee diagrams and reflective stories</p> <p>Using a Cluster Approach to Enhance Literacy in the Middle Years</p> <p>A List of Key Survival Words to Enhance Early Literacy Success for Young Children from Culturally and Economically Diverse Backgrounds</p>	<p>Projects being delivered</p>

	Upper Yarra Community House Inc	\$39,000	Integrating New Literacies into Classroom Practice	
	The University of Canberra	\$40,000	Cooperative Explorations: A multiple strategy literacy intervention program	
	Charles Darwin University	\$36,238	Advancing Indigenous Literacy: Controlled intervention models	
	Fraser Coast Training and Employment Support Service Inc	\$40,000	Back on Track: A literacy and numeracy innovative project for students on suspension	
Hosting and Maintenance of the Literacy Assessment Professional Development Website ( <i>Literacy Assessment: Strategies from the National School English Literacy Survey</i> )	Education.au Ltd	\$22,075		Services delivered
Evaluation of National Projects element of LNSLN Programme	Atelier Learning Solutions Pty Ltd	\$78,000		Services being delivered
National Coordinator of Literacy Research Projects	Griffith University	\$71,676		Services delivered
Clearinghouse for Literacy and Numeracy Research	Griffith University	\$27,224		Services delivered
Specialist Advisory and Research Services to Support the LNSLN Programme	Monash University	\$388,320		Services being delivered

<p>Re-printing of the Leaflet <i>Literacy: Parents make the world of difference</i>:</p> <p>Assist parents of young children to understand the important role they play in the literacy development of their child.</p>	<p>Australian Council of State School Organisations Inc (ACSSO), and the Australian Parents' Council Inc (APC)</p>	<p>\$72,500</p>	<p>Project being delivered</p>
<p>Investigating the Feasibility of Portable Funding for Students with Disabilities</p>	<p>Monash University</p>	<p>\$430,968</p>	<p>Project being delivered</p>
<p>Special Education Inclusion Programme (SEIP) in St Ignatius College:</p> <p>An initiative to establish a school policy for students with a disability and provide a structured and systematic way to offer these students with an opportunity to benefit from secondary education.</p>	<p>The Trustees of the Jesuit Fathers – St Ignatius College Riverview</p>	<p>\$160,000</p>	<p>Project being delivered</p>
<p>Information Sessions About the Australian Government Reporting Requirements in 2005-2008 Quadrennium for the Independent Schools Sector</p>	<p>The Independent Schools Council of Australia</p>	<p>\$30,000</p>	<p>Information Sessions held in 2006</p>
<p>Information Sessions About the Australian Government Reporting Requirements in 2005-2008 Quadrennium for the National Catholic Education Commission</p>	<p>Catholic Education Commission of New South Wales</p>	<p>\$30,000</p>	<p>Information Sessions held in 2006</p>



<p>Provision of funding support to assist with the publishing and distribution of two editions in 2006 of the Bush Buzz magazine. The magazine is for students, and their families, in rural and remote areas of Australia, and contains specific literacy and numeracy based information.</p>	<p>Borroloola Community Government Council</p>	<p>\$9,091</p>	<p>Information Sessions held in 2006</p>
<p>Computer Technologies for Schools Project:</p> <p>Project facilitates the donation of superseded computers and related equipment from Australian Government, State/Territory and local governments and private companies to schools in greatest need across Australia.</p>	<p>Boronia Consulting Pty Ltd</p>	<p>\$201,500</p>	<p>Services being delivered</p>
<p>Funding Support for the AATE/ALEA 2006 National Conference:</p> <p>Promotion of best practice in literacy education and English teaching, and development of effective communication and literacy skills in students from a range of backgrounds.</p>	<p>Australian Literacy Educators' Association (ALEA)</p>	<p>\$10,000</p>	<p>Conference held July 2006</p>

<p>Administration and Delivery of the Independent Schools Additional Reading Assistance Project in Victoria:</p> <p>Provide additional reading assistance in 2006 for those eligible children attending Independent schools in Victoria who did not receive assistance under the pilot Tutorial Voucher Initiative.</p>	<p>Association of Independent Schools of Victoria</p>	<p>\$123,078</p>	<p>Project being delivered</p>
<p>Administration and Delivery of the Additional Reading Assistance Project in Victoria:</p> <p>Provide additional reading assistance in 2006 for those eligible children attending government and catholic schools in Victoria who did not receive assistance under the pilot Tutorial Voucher Initiative.</p>	<p>Victorian Department of Education &amp; Training</p>	<p>\$4,177,908</p>	<p>Project being delivered</p>
<p>Administration and Delivery of the Additional Reading Assistance Project in Queensland:</p> <p>Provide additional reading assistance in 2006 for those eligible children in Queensland who did not receive assistance under the pilot Tutorial Voucher Initiative.</p>	<p>Queensland Department of Education, Training and the Arts</p>	<p>\$2,272,728</p>	<p>Project being delivered</p>

<p>Administration and Delivery of the Additional Reading Assistance Project in Western Australia:</p> <p>Provide additional reading assistance in 2006 for those eligible children in Western Australia who did not receive assistance under the pilot Tutorial Voucher Initiative.</p>	<p>Western Australian Department of Education and Training</p>	<p>\$645,104</p>	<p>Project being delivered</p>
<p>Development of Resource Materials for the Reading Assistance Voucher Programme:</p> <p>Develop a reading assistance kit, including a range of teaching materials and assessment tools, for the Reading Assistance Voucher programme.</p>	<p>Curriculum Corporation</p>	<p>\$389,414</p>	<p>Project being delivered</p>
<p>Printing, Assembly and Distribution of Reading Assistance Kits under the Resource Materials Project for the Reading Assistance Voucher Programme 2007.</p>	<p>JS McMillan Pty Ltd</p>	<p>\$764,842</p>	<p>Project being delivered</p>