

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. E530_07

Senator Wong asked in November 2006, in writing.

Question: *English as a Second Language (New Arrivals)*

Please provide, in Excel format, updated data for the ESL (New Arrivals) program for each of the years 2005 to 2008, as follows:

- (a) for each state and territory, and for government, Catholic and independent schools.
 - a. Total student numbers supported by the program
 - b. \$ per capita
 - c. total \$m.
- (b) for the student numbers in (a) above, please provide details of their country of origin.

Answer:

English as a Second Language – New Arrivals

- (a)
 - a. An update of total student numbers supported by the English as a Second Language – New Arrivals (ESL-NA) programme in 2006 is at Table A
 - b. ESL-NA amount for 2006 is \$5,277
 - c. total ESL-NA payments in 2006 are \$69,133,977.
- (b) As indicated in the previous answer provided in response to E304_07 asked in June 2006, this information is not held by DEST.

TABLE A: English as a Second Language – New Arrivals Programme, 2006

Sector	Government	Catholic	Independent	Total
NSW	4507	386	30	4923
VIC	3426	346	37	3809
QLD	1319	135	16	1470
SA	1545	33	18	1596
WA	806	41	82	929
TAS	140	31	11	182
NT	98	0	0	98
ACT	92	2	0	94
TOTAL	11933	974	194	13101