

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2008-09 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome 2

DEEWR Question No. EW827_09

Senator Milne provided in writing.

Question

Investing In Our Schools Programme

DEEWR's Investing in Our Schools website shows Federal grants were made to the following Meadowbank Education Trust (MET) schools:

- Wollongong campus in 2006 for \$50,000 for "furniture, equipment, library books & resources, shelving and physical education equipment. Air- conditioning classrooms
- Katoomba campus in 2007 for \$68,100 for "new demountable for science classroom/laboratory"

These schools are not on the NSW Board of Studies list of approved schools at July 2008.

If these schools are no longer operational what has happened to the resources funded by the Commonwealth?

Answer

Investing In Our Schools Programme (IOSP) funding was approved in the Wollongong and Katoomba campuses of the MET School as follows:

Project Reference	Campus	Project Description	Grant Amount
I/2006/77378/1	Wollongong	Purchase of furniture, equipment, library books & resources, shelving and physical education equipment. Air-conditioning classrooms.	\$50,000
I/2007/77420/1	Katoomba	Provision of new demountable for science classroom/laboratory.	\$68,100

Since these grants were approved, both campuses have had name changes approved. The Wollongong campus is now known as Darkes Forest campus and the Katoomba campus is known as Mount Victoria campus. These two campuses appear on the NSW Board of Studies List as at July 2008.

Both of these campuses continue to operate as schools in 2008 and continue to receive Australian Government General Recurrent funding.

The facilities purchased with IOSP grants remain in use in the schools. Should the schools close the facilities will be transferred to another school within that system.