Senate Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-2011

Outcome 3 - Higher Education

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Senator Mason asked on 21/10/2010, Hansard page 14.

LANGUAGE, LITERACY AND NUMERACY PROGRAM (LLNP)

Question

Senator MASON— ... I see in 327 that is over \$25 million. What is that for? **Mr McDonald—**This was an open tender under our Language, Literacy and Numeracy program. It is a contract for ACL and Mission Australia—they are a consortium—that would deliver language, literacy and numeracy provision to clients in four areas of western Sydney. ...

Senator MASON—How many people have they assisted?

Answer

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations has provided the following response.

The contract with the ACL Mission consortium for Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program (LLNP) services commenced on 1 July 2010 and expires on 30 June 2013. The contract is for the delivery of LLNP services in four (4) Business Service Areas (BSAs) in NSW, as detailed in the table below. The ACL Mission consortium is one of two LLNP providers in each of these BSAs.

Indicative information on the number of clients to be assisted over the three year contract period by BSA was publicly released in the Request for Tender (RFT) PRN 24490. This information was based on the flow of clients into the program during the contract period 2006-09.

Business Service Area	Referrals	Pre-training Assessments	Training Starts	Training Completions
Canterbury/Bankstown	4449	3984	2884	1958
Central West	4566	4130	2753	1786
Fairfield-Liverpool	5611	5231	3770	2562
Inner West	2754	2362	1802	1094

LLNP clientsover three years from 1/7/2006-30/6/2009

Between 1 July 2010 and 31 October 2010, the ACL Mission consortium has received 689 referrals these four (4) BSAs and this has resulted in 568 eligible job seekers starting in LLNP training.