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Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Question

Focus schools under National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Plan Part 1

Senator SIEWERT: Is it possible to get a breakdown state-by-state? I know my own state but I do not always know the regions in the state. Can we also break that down into regions? Mr Goodwin: Certainly. The state-by-state breakdown is actually up on the MCEECDYA website but we can break it down into regions for you as well.

Part 2

Senator SIEWERT: I would appreciate that. What is the total school population of those 887 schools?

Answers

Part 1:

Table: Breakdown of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Action Plan Focus Schools by state and geographic region.

	Metropolitan	Provincial	Remote	Very Remote	Grand Total
ACT	31	1			32
NSW	21	60	9	3	93
NT		12	12	39	63
Qld	127	103	20	40	290
SA	46	30	4	17	97
Tas	31	42	1	1	75
Vic	47	84			131
WA	10	13	20	67	110
Grand Total	313	345	66	167	891

Source: DEEWR, derived from the MCEECDYA Focus Schools List

Note: Geographic regions have been determined using the MCEECDYA Geographic Classification.

Part 2:

There are 891 Focus Schools identified under the Ministerial Council for Education, Early Childhood Education and Youth Affairs' (MCEECDYA) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Action Plan, with a total student enrolment of approximately 56,518 students according to 2010 enrolments, (2011 enrolments are not yet available).

During 2011 a number of schools (around 15) have been added to the list of Focus Schools for which 2010 enrolment data is not available. This means the number of students covered is likely to be slightly greater than that quoted. It should be noted that the list of Focus Schools maintained by MCEECDYA is not static and from time to time, jurisdictions add or remove schools from the list based on changing circumstances such as school closures, mergers or enrolment changes.

Source: DEEWR derived from MCEECDYA Focus Schools list and Schools Australia 2010, Australian Bureau of Statistics Catalogue 4221.0