

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Senator Mason provided in writing.

Question

Student Resilience and Wellbeing

The Government suggested that it would achieve savings of \$10.3 million over the forward estimates by consolidating the National School Drug strategy, and values education programme into one single programme. The Government has also suggested that these savings will be used to increase funding to ACARA to develop a health and physical education curriculum. (Budget paper no.2, page 123) a. How was the \$10.3 million saving calculated precisely, and what kinds of “administrative and financial efficiencies” were identified that yields the savings?

Answer

The Student Resilience and Wellbeing program is a 2012-13 Budget measure and is the consolidation of the National School Drug Education Strategy (NSDES) sub-program and two elements (Drugs and Values Education) of the existing Values Education and Civics and Citizenship Education sub-program.

The \$10.3 million in savings referred to in Budget Paper no.2, is the total remaining budget allocation for 2012-13 to 2015-16 of the previous sub-programs less the funding to the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). The calculation for the \$10.3 million is detailed in the table below:

Student Resilience and Wellbeing Program Budget (\$'000).					
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	Total
Total Budget from previous sub-programs⁽¹⁾	3,323	3,535	6,148	6,245	19,251
Less Funding to ACARA	2,089	2,418	4,410	0	8,917
Student Resilience and Wellbeing Program	1,234	1,117	1,738	6,245	10,334

(1) The previous sub-programs (NSDES, Values Education and Values Drugs) were annually appropriated under 2.3 Schools Support Program and were ceased in June 2012.

The administrative and financial efficiencies resulting from this consolidation include reduced management and reporting due to the consolidation of 3 sub-programs into one program that supports strategic and collaborative initiatives.