

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012**

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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**Outcome/Program: Outcome 3.1 - Sport and Recreation**  
**Topic: Active after-schools program - swimming**

**Senator: Polley**

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**Question:**

**CHAIR: Are there any plans to incorporate learn to swim campaigns in this program? That is still an area that I feel is underfunded and not part of?**

**Mr Rowe: There is some swimming involved in the program. I am sorry I cannot give you the detail of how much, but we can take that on notice. There are, of course, some restrictions on access to pools for those schools that do not have pools and have to make arrangements outside of school facilities.**

**Answer:**

There are no plans to incorporate learn to swim campaigns in the Active After-school Communities (AASC) program. 'Learn to Swim' has traditionally been a school-based program and/or a program that is available in the community and as such would not qualify for AASC.

However, the AASC program offers a large variety of water based activities, such as aquatics, pool life saving, snorkelling, surf life saving, swimming, synchronised swimming, triathlon and water polo. Activities are assessed for their inclusion in the AASC program against the following criteria:

- AASC program should not be a substitute for existing school or community based sport or physical activity programs;
- sessions should reflect the 'play for life' approach that provides a positive introduction to sport that encourages children and families to join a local sporting club;
- there should be a clear objective and challenge; and
- there should be a graduated progression of activities over the course of four – seven weeks.

The table below details the number of water-based activities delivered in the AASC program during 2010:

<b>Sport</b>	<b>No of Programs delivered 2010</b>
Aquatics	211
Pool Life Saving	3
Snorkelling	5
Surf Lifesaving	32
Swimming	438
Synchronised Swimming	37
Triathlon	47
Water Polo	10
<b>Total Water Based Activities delivered in AASC program in 2010</b>	<b>783</b>