

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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Question No. 96

Senators Barnett and Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 27 May 2008:

Secure Schools Program:

- (a) What are the three jurisdictions that have provided informal responses to the Minister for Home Affairs' letter of 11 March 2008?
- (b) What response have these three jurisdictions provided?
- (c) How many schools have each of the jurisdictions nominated?
- (d) What criterion has to met by the relevant schools?
- (e) Please provide a copy of the guidelines for the program?

The answer to the honourable senators' question is as follows:

- (a) As at 19 June 2008, the ACT, WA, NT, NSW, VIC, QLD and SA governments have responded to the Minister for Home Affairs' letter.
- (b) The ACT, WA, NSW, VIC, QLD and SA governments have nominated schools, while the NT government provided a nil response.
- (c)

Jurisdiction	Number of government schools nominated	Number of non-government schools nominated
ACT	1	1
WA	5	5
NSW	29	42
VIC	0	21
QLD	0	4
SA	0	5

- (d) In order to receive funding under the Secure Schools Program, each school will have to meet the criteria outlined in the program guidelines. Applications will be assessed against these guidelines by an Advisory Group consisting of representatives from the Attorney-General's Department, DEEWR, AFP and ASIO.
- (e) The program guidelines have been finalised (see attachment). They will be forwarded to schools being considered for funding.