Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2011-2012

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Question

Breakdown of funding (primary and secondary students)

Senator SIEWERT: Is it possible to provide a breakdown of the funding? I will take a step back, sorry. Is it possible to have an analysis of the proportion of primary school students and the proportion of secondary school students against the funding? Of the funding that is available for this, what proportion is being spent on— Ms Hanlon: We will take that on notice, but we can get that to you.

Answer

The funding allocated to DHS to administer and facilitate SEAM is based on the overall costs across National and Areas Support Office costs, Call Centre Network costs, Social Worker and Education Liaison Officers, overall IT, other administrative costs and the total combined estimated customer base. While it is possible to identify the proportion of the customer base that applies to primary and secondary students, the basis for costing of the other aspects of the measure are not based on a split figure and it is therefore not possible to identify the proportion of funding that applies to each.