

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10**

Outcome 2

DEEWR Question No. EW0127_10

Senator Mason provided in writing:

Question

Music programs in Australian schools

Refers to previous DEEWR Question No EW831_09.

In DEEWR Question No. EW831_09 2008, I asked:

c) Given the emphasis on assisting “primary schools which have no music programs” can the Department advise how many primary schools in Australia currently have no music program?

In response, the Government advised:

A 2003 survey by the Music Council of Australia found that 23 per cent of state schools (primary and secondary) had no music program.

Was it not the case that the Music Council of Australia report, as cited in Labor’s own Federal Election Policy, found that only 23 per cent of Australian State School students (primary and secondary) had access to a school music program?

Answer

Based on a survey conducted in 2003, the Music Council of Australia reported that 23 per cent of state schools (primary and secondary) had a music program. There was a transposition error in the reporting of this finding in the reply to Question EW831_09.