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Question

SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE INDIGENOUS YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Senator SCULLION—I would like to see what percentage was successful. How does compare it with 2009, both secondary and tertiary? Is there any particular rationale, or is it non-subjective? Dr Bruniges—I do not have the 2009 date with me but I am happy to take the notice. Senator SCULLION—Okay. Have you done any comparative analysis on whether you need a bigger investment in secondary or tertiary? Is there some rationale behind the actual numbers? Is a weighting given one way or the other? That is the reason for my question. If you take it on notice you can take it in that context. Dr Bruniges—Certainly.

Answer

In 2010, 274 applications were received for secondary scholarships and 68 applications were received for tertiary scholarships. The success rates for 2009 and 2010 are set out in the table below.

Scholarship Application	Received	Successful	% Successful
2009 Secondary	300	191	64%
2009 Tertiary	67	30	45%
2010 Secondary	274	151	55%
2010 Tertiary	68	45	66%

The Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act Program Guidelines set out eligibility criteria for potential Indigenous Youth Leadership Program participants. Partnership Brokers assess applicants against these eligibility criteria. The program has a target that at least 60 percent of all scholarship recipients must be from very remote or remote locations. All successful applicants must be assessed as disadvantaged against the program Guidelines.

The primary goal of the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program is to help close the gaps in literacy and numeracy and Year 12 attainment outcomes between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and other Australians. As such the major investment is in secondary education.

The tertiary element of the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program is primarily

designed to provide a pathway to university for those young people who come through the secondary element of the program. Secondary scholarship recipients who complete Year 12 are given first priority for tertiary scholarships as a contribution to their ongoing educational and leadership development.

The Australian Government also funds a number of other scholarships for tertiary students for example, the Indigenous Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarships, the Indigenous Commonwealth Accommodation Costs Scholarships and the Indigenous Access Scholarships.

The number of tertiary scholarship was determined as part of the decision to expand the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program announced in the May 2007 Budget. There are 60 new three year scholarships available each year from 2010. Tertiary scholarships are subject to separate application rounds to secondary scholarships. No weighting is given.