

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Question

Quality Outcomes

What programmes or projects are funded from the administered funding going to quality outcomes? a. Please provide a breakdown of the funding over the forward estimates by project and provide a description.

Answer

The Quality Outcomes Program is provided under Outcome 2, Program 2.3 Schools Support and comprises eleven components:

1. Schools National Projects
2. Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)
3. Online Curriculum Resources and Digital Architecture Initiative (Technical Infrastructure)
4. Australian Government Quality Teacher Program (AGQTP)
5. Community Festivals
6. Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL)
7. Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)
8. National Broadband Network (NBN) Enabled Education and Skills Services
9. ABC Digital Education
10. Quality Outcomes – Other
11. Civics and Citizenship Education

1. Schools National Projects

Funding is provided for strategic national projects in schooling such as the National Literacy and Numeracy Week and Australia's participation in international education assessments, i.e. the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), and the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS).

2. Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

Provides a rebate to schools in respect of students in Years 4 to 12 travelling more than 150 kilometres to visit the national capital as part of a civics and citizenship education excursion. Schools must visit Parliament House, Old Parliament House (Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House and/or the National Electoral Education Centre) and the Australian War Memorial. Where possible, the students participate in an education program at these institutions.

3. Online Curriculum Resources and Digital Architecture Initiative (Technical Infrastructure)

Provides project funding to link digital resources to the Australian Curriculum and make them easily accessible and to support initiatives such as the National Digital Learning Resources Network and the National Schools Interoperability Program to facilitate interoperability aspects of national e-learning projects and exchange of information in school sectors across Australia.

4. Australian Government Quality Teacher Program (AGQTP)

Provides funding to Teaching Australia and the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership to support teacher professional development in the non-government sector with the objective of equipping teachers with the skills and knowledge needed for teaching in the 21st century, and providing national leadership in high priority areas of teacher professional learning need.

5. Community Festivals

Funding is provided to the Rock Eisteddfod Challenge Foundation to support the Rock Eisteddfod Challenge, that plays an important role in helping students from schools around the country to develop a sense of confidence, resilience and team work, as well as allowing young people to participate in their communities and improve their participation in education and employment.

6. Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL)

Provides the Australian Government's contribution to AITSL's core funding.

7. Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)

Provides the Australian Government's contribution to ACARA's core funding.

8. National Broadband Network (NBN) - Enabled Education and Skills Services

NBN-Enabled Education and Skills Services Program: supports innovative proposals that encourage the development of education, training and skills which take advantage of the high-speed broadband connectivity available through the NBN. The program will demonstrate how the NBN can increase the education, training, and skills development opportunities for Australians—no matter where they live, work or study.

9. ABC Digital Education

A collaborative project between the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and Education Services Australia aimed primarily at students, teachers and parents in the home to deliver a free, public, online education portal offering an extensive library of educational media resources mapped and aligned to the Australian curriculum.

10. Quality Outcomes – Other

Provides funding for strategic projects that support the Australian Government's key objective of improved learning outcomes in school and its national leadership role in school education.

A range of initiatives delivering high-quality arts experiences and education programs are funded through this program. They include support for the work of The Song Room, Musica Viva Australian, Australian Children's Music Foundation, Music Count Us In and Bell Shakespeare Company.

11. Civics and Citizenship

Supports civics and citizenships education in schools to help school students to become active and informed citizens through an understanding and appreciation of Australia's system of government and civic life.

Estimated funding as at the 2012-13 Budget for the components of the Quality Outcomes Program is provided in the table below:

Sub-program	Budget 2012-13 (\$000)	Estimate 2013-14 (\$000)	Estimate 2014-15 (\$000's)	Estimate 2015-16 (\$000)
Schools National Projects	2,052	2,089	2,129	2,169
PACER	5,525	4,089	4,167	4,246
Online Curriculum Resources and Digital Achitecture Initiative (Technical Infrastructure)	2,600	0	0	0
AGQTP	7,705	8,405	8,566	8,728
Community Festivals	700	700	700	700
AITSL	11,999	5,500	5,500	5,500
ACARA	15,450	14,491	12,441	12,192
NBN-Enabled Education and Skills Services	7,875	8,045	3,205	0
ABC Digital Education	1,287	1,287	0	0
Quality Outcomes - Other	2,049	2,085	2,125	2,165
Civics and Citizenship Education	1,256	1,279	1,304	1,329
Total Quality Outcomes	58,498	47,970	40,137	37,029

In accordance with the Commonwealth Grant Guidelines (CGGs), grants awarded under this program are published on the Department's website at:

<http://deewr.gov.au/grants>

Grants awarded under this program from 1 July 2012 and published as at 11 December 2012 are provided in the table at Attachment A.

ATTACHMENT A

Recipient	Purpose	Amount (GST Inclusive) (\$m)	Date of Effect	Grant Term
Australian Federation of Special Education Administrators	Support for Australian Special Education Principals' Association (ASEPA)	0.048	01-Jan-13	11 Months
Australian Secondary Principal's Association Inc.	Support for the Australian Secondary Principals' Association (ASPA)	0.065	01-Jan-13	11 Months
Australian Primary Principals Association Inc.	Support for the Australian Primary Principals Association (APPA)	0.082	01-Jan-13	11 Months
Bendigo Senior Secondary College	The Commonwealth has committed a total of \$27.2 million to the National Broadband Network-Enabled Education and Skills Services Program to support the development and trialling of online education and skills services that take advantage of the high speed broadband connections being made available through the NBN. The Program aims to develop and trial services that provide more interactive and effective learning opportunities for all Australians.	0.813	09-Jul-12	36 Months
Gordon Institute of TAFE	The Commonwealth has committed a total of \$27.2 million to the National Broadband Network-Enabled Education and Skills Services Program to support the development and trialling of online education and skills services that take advantage of the high speed broadband connections being made available through the NBN. The Program aims to develop and trial services that provide more interactive and effective learning opportunities for all Australians.	1.066	05-Jul-12	36 Months

Recipient	Purpose	Amount (GST Inclusive) (\$m)	Date of Effect	Grant Term
Sydney Opera House Trust	The Commonwealth has committed a total of \$27.2 million to the National Broadband Network-Enabled Education and Skills Services Program to support the development and trialling of online education and skills services that take advantage of the high speed broadband connections being made available through the NBN. The Program aims to develop and trial services that provide more interactive and effective learning opportunities for all Australians.	0.787	31-Jul-12	28 Months
University of New South Wales	The Commonwealth has committed a total of \$27.2 million to the National Broadband Network-Enabled Education and Skills Services Program to support the development and trialling of online education and skills services that take advantage of the high speed broadband connections being made available through the NBN. The Program aims to develop and trial services that provide more interactive and effective learning opportunities for all Australians.	3.186	03-Aug-12	35 Months
The Trustee for Australian Teenage Expo	A one-off contribution to support activities associated with the 2012 Australian Teenage Expo.	0.033	30-Aug-12	4 Months
The Song Room Inc.	Support schools to deliver quality arts education programs that improve children's learning and social and emotional wellbeing outcomes and to ensure the quality implementation of the Australian Curriculum: The Arts.	1.350	10-Oct-12	48 Months
Greenacres Disability Services	The 'two streams' project provides assistance to Indigenous Students with a disability who are either at risk of leaving school before legal age, or requiring assistance to continue in their studies.	0.110	01-Feb-13	12 Months