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

Students from Palumpa to attend Wadeye

Senator SCULLION: Would you be able to provide on notice or even today even notionally, say, how many from Palumpa and how many from the other communities? Mr Hansen: I am happy to take that on notice. Senator SCULLION: If you have some notional ideas about where the remainder of the 40 will be recruited from, that would be useful as well.

Answer

The first tranche of eight students to enrol at the Wadeye Boarding Facility was to be a mix of Year 10 and Year 11 students from Nganmarriyanga School (Palumpa), commencing on 5 November 2012. However, resolution of some building related works resulted in those students not being able to attend. Instead, approximately 25 students from the Victoria/Daly region attended familiarisation sessions at the hostel over the course of Term 4 2012, with full boarding commencing at the start of 2013.

In order to qualify to reside at Kardu Darrikardu Numida Hostel students must be permanent residents of the following communities or out-stations: Woolianna (Daly River), Peppimenarti, Palumpa, Emu Point, Wadeye and the surrounding region.

Students from the following outlying communities and station schools will be given priority places, where beds are available: Woolianna School (Daly River), Peppimenarti School, Nganmarriyanga School (Palumpa) and Emu Point School.