

## Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014

#### Outcome 3 - Higher Education, Research and International

Department of Education Question No. ED0045\_14

Senator Carr provided in writing.

#### Question

#### Australian Maths and Science Partnerships Program

For the Australian Maths and Science Partnerships Program, please provide: a. the 2012-13 updated budget outcome for this program b. Current forward estimates for 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2017-18 c. What the breakdown of these estimates is between administered and Departmental costs? d. How many FTE staff positions are allocated to the running of the Higher Education Support Act 2003 - Superannuation Program? e. What is the status of the Australian Maths and Science Partnerships Program competitive round? f. How many projects has the Department recommended for funding? g. How much in total is funding for this round? h. When was the Minister advised of the Department's recommendations for successful projects? i. When will stakeholders be notified of the outcome of their application? j. Can you please provide a list of successful projects? 1. Has the Department directed any additional resources to this topic since the election towards online higher education? 2. What resources in the Department are currently directed towards the growth in online learning, including FTE? 3. Are there any major projects underway on this topic? 4. What work is being done to help the sector respond to changes in technology, and the digital disruption, for example the fact that universities like Stanford and Harvard are putting their courses online?

#### Answers

- a. The 2012-13 updated budget outcome for this programme; and  
b. Current forward estimates for 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2017-18**

Following the application of the efficiency dividend, the budget for the Australian Maths and Science Partnerships Program is:

Financial year:

2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
\$2 650 000	\$5 325 154	\$5 403 535	\$5 547 638	\$2 819 257

Calendar year:

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
\$0	\$5 300 000	\$5 350 308	\$5 456,762	\$5 638 514	\$0

**(c & d) The breakdown of these estimates between administered and departmental costs**

The 2012-13 Budget provided for the following administered costs:

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
EL1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
APS 6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
APS 5	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.25</b>	<b>1.25</b>	<b>1.25</b>	<b>1.25</b>

**(e) The status of the Australian Maths and Science Partnerships Program competitive round**

Applications have closed and an assessment of the proposals is being finalised by the department.

**(f) Number of projects the department has recommended for funding**

No projects have been recommended to the Minister as yet – see response to (e).

**(g) Total funding for this round**

\$16.4 million is available across 2014-2016.

**(h) When was the Minister advised of the department's recommendations for successful projects?**

Recommendations for funding are currently being finalised for the Minister's decision.

**(i) When will stakeholders be notified of the outcome of their application?**

Competitive grant round applicants will be advised of the outcomes of the round following the Minister's decision on successful proposals.

**(j) Successful projects?**

Successful projects have not been identified as yet – see response to (e).