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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question:

This might be a broad question, but how does this compare to the number of schools and students that participated in the former Labor government's active after-school program?

Answer:

The Active After Schools Communities (AASC) program closed on 31 December 2014. Each semester, more than 190,000 children (across schools and out of school care centres) and approximately 2040 primary schools took part in the AASC program.

Sporting Schools officially began on 1 July 2015 and as at 15 March 2016, the Sporting Schools Program currently has 5404 registered schools and 4126 funded schools since its inception. The program is currently exceeding the Portfolio Budget Statement 2015-16 measure of 4,030 funded schools by 30 June 2016.

In Term 4, 2015, 297,217 children participated in the program. These figures have been obtained from the acquittal information provided from each school. Participation data for semester 1 2016 will be captured in June of this year.

It is difficult to provide a direct comparison as they are different programs however the Sporting Schools program is providing more opportunities for students in the school setting than within the AASC Program for the first semester of operation.