

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

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

Outcome 2 – Schools and Youth

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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Community Festivals for Education Engagement

Is the Community Festivals for Education Engagement a national program? How many students is it currently reaching? How many outside the NT? What was the planned duration of the program, before it was cut? What will happen to those students when the program stops? Are similar programs being funded as part of Stronger Futures?

Answer

The Community Festivals for Education Engagement Program is a national program; however, events are only delivered in regional and remote communities. In 2011, some 14,118 students attended festival events with 12,920 students attending events outside the Northern Territory. The program has not been cut. It has been suspended for four years from 2013 to 2016. During this time there will be no events under this particular program for students to attend. The department will work with providers to ensure that schools, communities and students are informed of the changes. There are no similar programs being funded as part of the The Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory initiative.