Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Schools and Youth

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Breakdown of expenditure under the flexible literacy programme

Question

Senator O'NEILL: Could I ask the department to provide a breakdown of the—is it \$22 million that is under this program?

Mr Cook: Over four years. That is right.

Senator O'NEILL: Could you provide a breakdown of how that is being spent, in particular how much is ultimately being directed to the Good to Great Schools commercial partners— DataWORKS Educational Research and the National Institute for Direct Instruction? Mr Cook: We can take that on notice. We are happy to do that.

Answer

The appropriation for the Flexible Literacy in Remote Primary Schools programme is set out below:

2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Total
\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
4.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	

All \$22 million appropriated for this programme has been allocated to Good to Great Schools Australia (GGSA). GGSA has subcontracted National Institute for Direct Instruction (NIFDI) for the provision of the Direct Instruction (DI) programme and DataWORKS Educational Research (DataWORKS) for the provision of the Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI) programme.

The programme budget submitted by GGSA included the following costings:

Component	Approximate Cost (\$m)
NIFDI for training, on-site coaching, data analysis, weekly	
assessment and books	7.5
DataWORKS for training, and development of lesson	
plans, workbooks, assessments and tools	1.6
Printing of EDI workbooks and other associated costs	0.6
Training support, venues and accommodation	1.3
Coaching by GGSA	3.1
Travel and accommodation (for training and coaching)	2.2
Project operations	5.7
TOTAL	22.0