

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Schools and Youth**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000404**

Senator O'Neill, Deborah asked on 04 June 2015, Proof Hansard page 129

***Cost of coding resources in the curriculum***

**Question**

Senator O'NEILL: How much of the funding has been spent so far?

Mr Cook: I will have to take that on notice.

Senator O'NEILL: Can we have a ballpark figure? Just something indicative. Dr Atkins: Of the order of \$80,000. But I will take the exact amount on notice.

Senator O'NEILL: Since the announcement. When was this announced?

Mr Cook: Again, remember, I have made this clear a number of times. The money does not actually start until the 2015-16 financial year.

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Senator O'NEILL: Will the department get any of that funding of \$3.5 million?

Mr Cook: No.

Senator O'NEILL: Could you provide an itemised breakdown of how you expect to spend the \$3.5 million?

Mr Cook: We can take that on notice.

**Answer**

As at 24 June 2015, \$500,000 had been expended since the Coding across the Curriculum initiative was announced on 14 October 2014.

It is anticipated that the majority of the funding will be allocated to the acquisition and curation of resources and development of a web portal. The remaining funding will be spent on initiatives that support the introduction of coding and algorithmic thinking in schools. These will be developed in consultation with a state and territory project management group to ensure the standalone web portal for teachers and students meets their needs and expectations.