

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000610

Senator Cameron, Doug asked on 31 May 2017, Proof Hansard page 97

Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP)

Question

Senator CAMERON: On notice, can you provide the same information for the number of students and break it down by state and region.

Mr Morling: I will take state and region on notice. The number of students in AMEP is expected to be 63,733 in 2016-17.

Senator CAMERON: What is the total amount of funding under the program that will go to private for-profit providers?

Mr Morling: I do not have that with me. I will have to take that on notice.

Answer

Table 1. Number of AMEP enrolments in 2016-17 by State and current Contract Region as at 31 May 2017

State	Contract Service Region ⁽¹⁾	Total enrolments as at 31 May 2017
NSW	Blacktown Outer Western Sydney	1,351
	Central Western Sydney	3,525
	Fairfield/Cabramatta	4,475
	Inner Western Sydney and Canterbury Bankstown	1,862
	Liverpool	2,886
	Inner (inc. CBD) Eastern and Southern Sydney	3,628
	Northern Sydney and Other Rural	4,973
	Hunter/Newcastle Rural and Regional	534
	Illawarra/Wollongong Rural and Regional	615
Total NSW		23,849
VIC	Melbourne Central (inc. CBD)	3,024
	Northern Eastern Melbourne & Other Rural	4,098
	South Eastern Melbourne / Frankston	3,140
	South Melbourne / Mordialloc	2,580
	Western Melbourne / Werribee	3,007
	Geelong / Barwon Rural & Regional	458
	Shepparton Rural & Regional	176
	Victoria Northern Melbourne	3,751
Total Vic		20,234
QLD	Northern Metro (inc. CBD)	3,281
	Southern Metro (inc. CBD) and Rural and Regional	3,771
Total Qld		7,052
SA	Northern Metro (inc. CBD)	1,433

State	Contract Service Region ⁽¹⁾	Total enrolments as at 31 May 2017
	Southern Metro (inc. CBD) and Rural and Regional	2,769
Total SA		4,202
WA	Southern Metro (inc. CBD Rural & Regional)	1,884
	Northern Metro (inc. CBD)	2,874
Total WA		4,758
TAS	Tasmania	822
NT	Northern Territory	466
ACT	Australia Capital Territory	959
DIS	AMEP Flexible Learning Network	5,704
Total enrolments⁽²⁾		68,046
Total distinct clients count		62,894

(1) The geographic contract service regions in the current contract have changed and do not match the geographic contract regions in the new contract, effective from 1 July 2017.

(2) AMEP clients are allowed to transfer from one contract region or provider to another with no restrictions. Clients may enrol with one provider but undertake distance learning which is delivered by the Distance Learning provider. Therefore the total enrolments have duplicated clients count.

Total amount of funding under the program that will go to private for-profit providers

The total AMEP funding expected to go to private-for-profit organisations is \$76.2 million from 2017–18 to 2019–20.