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Senator Carr asked on 18 February 2004, EWRE Hansard page 107

Question:

Please provide more information about the Science Squad.

Answer:

Questacon's Sydney Science Squad

Questacon has provided the following response.

The Questacon Science Squad aims to raise awareness and interest in the importance of science and technology. The main target audience are students in Sydney schools.

Demonstrations, explanations and follow-up materials are used to motivate students and teachers to take a greater interest in science and technology.

The Science Squad travels to schools throughout Sydney. Demand is greatest from schools in the western areas of Sydney. Staff work in cooperation with a range of other organisations including the CSIRO, University of Newcastle and the Australian Academy of Science, Australian Photonics, IP Australia, NSW Sustainable Energy Development Authority and Powerhouse Museum. Cooperative arrangements include joint delivery of programs, cross-promotion and loans of equipment.