

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2007-08 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome 2

DEEWR Question No. EW76_08

Senator Wortley provided in writing.

Question

English as a Second Language – Humanitarian Entrants

What has been the expenditure on this program to date?

How many students have received this assistance? What VISA classes are they in?

What is the current projection of students that will receive assistance this financial year?

Answer

Background

1. Expenditure under the ESL-NA Program for the 2005-07 program years, plus projected expenditure for 2008, is detailed in Table 1.

Table 1

Student Category	Expenditure			
	2005	2006	2007	2008 ⁽¹⁾
Non-humanitarian entrants	\$33,791,534	\$39,213,387	\$50,779,984	\$57,553,600
Humanitarian entrants	\$27,719,539	\$29,920,590	\$29,662,240	\$61,980,800
Total	\$61,511,073	\$69,133,977	\$80,442,224	\$119,534,400

⁽¹⁾ These figures are estimates only based on the initial 2008 per capita funding rates and estimated enrolments. Under current arrangements the per capita rates will be supplemented late in 2008 to ensure they are maintained real terms.

2. The number of humanitarian entrant students assisted under the ESL-NA Program for the 2005-07 program years, by visa subclass, is detailed in Table 2.

Table 2

Visa Subclass <i>(P) Permanent / (T) Temporary</i>	Humanitarian Student Enrolments		
	2005	2006	2007
200 - Refugee (P)	1,800	1,905	2,193
201 - In-country Special Humanitarian (P)	16	17	3
202 - Global Special Humanitarian (P)	3,132	3,240	2,539
203 - Emergency Rescue (P)	1	0	1
204 - Woman at Risk (P)	481	449	587
447 - Secondary Movement Offshore (T)	9	1	2
448 - Kosovar Safe Haven (T)	0	0	0
449 - Humanitarian Stay (T)	4	10	0
451 - Secondary Movement Relocation (T)	16	7	3
785 - Temporary Protection (T)	20	20	5
786 - Temporary Humanitarian Concern (T)	4	0	3

866 - Protection (P)	18	21	24
Total	5,501	5,670	5,360

3. The number of students that have received assistance under the ESL-NA Program for the 2005-07 program years, plus projected enrolments for 2008, is detailed in Table 3.

Table 3

Student Category	Student Enrolments ⁽¹⁾			
	2005	2006	2007	2008 ⁽²⁾
Non-humanitarian entrants	6,706	7,431	9,176	10,400
Humanitarian entrants	5,501	5,670	5,360	5,600 ⁽³⁾
Total	12,207	13,101	14,536	16,000

⁽¹⁾ Student enrolment data is not available by financial year. Data is only available on a program (calendar) year basis.

⁽²⁾ 2008 figures are estimates only. The ESL-NA Program is demand driven with all eligible students receiving assistance. In accordance with ESL-NA Program Guidelines, initial claims in respect of the actual number of eligible students will not be received from education authorities until August 2008, with second (final) claims received in early December 2008.

⁽³⁾ The estimated number of humanitarian students eligible for ESL-NA Program assistance is similar to previous years as the Commonwealth Government's Humanitarian Migration Program has been maintained at 13,000 places since 2004-05.