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Question

TRIPS program

Senator BACK: I just want to ask you some questions about a report that was undertaken by Edith Cowen University for the Australian Primary Principals Association funded by the department involving both government and non-government schools in Victoria, Western Australia and South Australia. Is someone familiar with that study? Ms Hanlon: I will have a go. I think you are referring to a program called TRIPS. Senator BACK: Am I? Good. I do see TRIPS here somewhere, yes. Can you confirm that there were 33 schools involved in the study? Ms Hanlon: I may have to take these questions on notice, because I do not actually have information with me on TRIPS. Senator BACK: When you do take that on notice, I wonder would you also, in confirming how many schools there were, give us a breakdown on those in metropolitan, regional, rural and remote areas?

Answer

33 schools were selected from Western Australia, Victoria and South Australia to participate in the TRIPS study as case study schools. Due to the small sample size, schools were not identified and undertakings of confidentiality were given to protect the privacy of schools as well as teachers and students.

The TRIPS report provides the following breakdown of case study schools by sector and geographic location.

Location	Sector			All
	Government	Catholic	Independent	
Metropolitan	16	6	2	24
Provincial	6	0	1	7
Remote	1	1	0	2
All schools	23	7	3	33