

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

**Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0544\_13**

**Senator Siewert provided in writing.**

**Question**

**SEAM**

Is the NT Government supportive of the expansion of SEAM? Have they maintained the previous Government's funding commitment? How many schools has SEAM not been rolled out to in the NT?

**Answer**

The Northern Territory Government is supportive of the expansion of SEAM in the Northern Territory. The new SEAM model has been developed in consultation with the Northern Territory Government to complement their attendance measure *Every Day Every Child* program with the rollout agreed between the Australian Government and the Northern Territory Government.

SEAM is part of the Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory National Partnership Agreement (NPA) which was signed on 3 August 2012. The incoming Northern Territory Government is currently working with the Australian Government to finalise the Schooling Implementation Plan, which includes SEAM and is one of nine Implementation Plans that accompany the NPA.

Although the Schooling Implementation Plan is yet to be finalised, the incoming Northern Territory Government has maintained the previous Northern Territory Government's financial commitment for SEAM. The total funding available for SEAM as part of Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory is \$107 million until 2021-2022.

Currently, it is proposed that the new model of SEAM will be rolled out to 50 schools in mainly Remote Service Delivery communities in a phased approach over a two year period, with the final phase occurring on 1 July 2014. The final number of schools and implementation timing will however be determined as part of the yet to be finalised Schooling Implementation Plan.