

Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
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Questions on Notice: AusAID

Question No. 6

Senator Kroger asked on notice

With relation to the Indonesia Schools Program, please provide the following detail:

- a) Breakdown of the budget
- b) How the program will be rolled out?
- c) What does it entail?
- d) What year levels does it cover?

Answer:

- a) A breakdown of the five year \$500 million Education Partnership budget is:

Financial Year	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Spending	\$33,186,202	\$79,543,798	\$118,230,000	\$122,230,000	\$99,180,000	\$47,630,000

- b) Australia's new education program will be delivered in partnership with Indonesia, the European Union and the Asian Development Bank.

The program comprises the following:

- **Component 1- \$222 million** in direct funding to Indonesia's Ministry of Finance to build or expand up to 2,000 junior secondary schools and create around 300,000 new junior secondary school places in disadvantaged districts.
 - **Component 2- \$182 million** in direct funding and assistance to develop and roll out a national system for strengthening the management and capacity of all 293,000 school principals, school supervisors and district government officials.
 - **Component 3- \$47 million** through a managing contractor to support accreditation of around 1,500 moderate private Islamic schools against national quality standards so they can conduct national exams and issue school leaving certificates.
 - **Component 4- \$25 million** to support evidence-based sector policy research and analysis.
- c) This partnership with Indonesia will increase access to junior secondary education in poor and remote areas of Indonesia by constructing or expanding up to 2,000 schools, creating around 300,000 more junior secondary school places (years 7-9). It will improve school management by training all 293,000 of Indonesia's school principals, treasurers and district education officials; and improve the quality of Islamic education by helping at least 1,500 Islamic schools achieve national accreditation. Australia's education program will deliver better evidence-based policy and programming through access to expertise for education reform driven by Indonesia. The new program will build on the highly successful Basic Education Program (\$395 million, 2006-2011) to help Indonesia ensure nine years of good quality education for its

children. It will give more children a good education, improve literacy and numeracy, and strengthen management across the sector.

- d) The program supports access for students in years 7-9 (junior secondary school level). School management will be improved across all nine years provision of basic education.