## Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

## Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Kroger

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## **Question:**

CHAIR: I get regular newsletters, which is quite beneficial. I do not know if you do, Senator Kroger?

Senator KROGER: No, I don't.

CHAIR: but certainly from the committee's point of view they are very worthwhile. You actually get invited to go along and participate.

Mr Eccles: We can certainly make sure you are on the mailing list if you want, Senator Kroger.

**Senator KROGER: Are these departmental emails?** 

CHAIR: No, they come from the people who run the programs. They are very good.

Senator KROGER: I would be interested to know about this by state.

CHAIR: Yes, if we could get a breakdown of the state figures that would be helpful.

Mr Eccles: What we will do is provide you with the general breakdown around the nature of the program and its uptake. As Mr Rowe mentioned, the Sports Commission has significant data about that, so we will make sure that it is presented in a format that makes sense.

Senator KROGER: You mean you are going to keep it simple and sweet?

Mr Eccles: Useful.

CHAIR: It would be useful information for us to have and to be able to promote on our websites and on Facebook and the like, because it is a really beneficial program.

Mr Eccles: That is a good point. We will certainly talk to the commission about that.

CHAIR: That would be really useful.

## **Answer:**

The latest available information is for Semester 2, 2010 during which a total of approximately 180,000 children participated nationally in the Active After-school Communities (AASC) program.

A breakdown of sites participating in the program by jurisdiction is available for Semester 1 2011. These are either school sites or an out of school hours care services (OSHCS). Details are as follows:

	Total # Schools	% of Regional & Remote Schools	Total # OSHCS	% of Regional & Remote OSHCS	Total # Sites
ACT	5	0	45	0	50
NSW	575	66	431	31	1006
NT	26	100	35	100	61
QLD	251	88	289	55	540
SA	164	60	124	25	288
TAS	70	99	20	95	90
VIC	525	70	273	27	798
WA	270	69	72	47	342
Totals	1886		1289		3175