

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING'S ABORIGINAL KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

**30. Hon SHELLEY ARCHER to the minister representing the Minister for Education and Training:**

I refer to the Department of Education and Training's Aboriginal kindergarten program for three to four year-olds.

- (1) Where are the 29 Aboriginal kindergartens located?
- (2) Does the government fund any kindergarten programs outside of the public education system?
- (3) What were the enrolment numbers for each of these kindergartens over the period 2002 to 2007?
- (4) Has the department's plan to increase the enrolment numbers of Aboriginal children in kindergartens through this program succeeded?
- (5) Does the government intend to expand this program to other locations?

**Hon PETER COLLIER replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I provide the following response on behalf of the Minister for Education and Training. The response is primarily in tabular form. I seek leave to table the document and have it incorporated into Hansard.

Leave granted.

[See paper 287.]

The following material was incorporated —

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- (1) There are 28 Aboriginal Kindergartens. They are located at:

SCHOOL	ABORIGINAL KINDERGARTEN	DISTRICT OFFICE
Mt Barker Primary School	Cooinda	Albany
Spencer Park Primary School	Coolangarras Barmah	Albany
Djidi Djidi Aboriginal School		Bunbury
Amaroo Primary School	Koolbardi	Bunbury
Gwynne Park Primary School	Kooijy	Canning
Tranby Primary School		Canning
Nulsen Primary School		Esperance
Brookman Primary School		Fremantle/Peel
Hilton Primary School	Kalunga	Fremantle/Peel
Medina Primary School		Fremantle/Peel
Dudley Park Primary School	Nynning Koolungars	Fremantle/Peel
Boulder Primary School	Djidiku	Goldfields
East Kalgoorlie Primary School		Goldfields
Broome Primary School	Uupababas	Kimberley
Derby District High School	Bundja Walun Nunga	Kimberley
Derby District High School	Mowanjum	Kimberley
Fitzroy Crossing District High School		Kimberley
Halls Creek District High School		Kimberley
Fitzroy Crossing District High School	Mobile	Kimberley
West Northam Primary School		Midlands
Meekatharra District High School		Midwest
Beachlands Primary School	Meekawaya	Midwest
East Carnarvon Primary School	Minoo Malgo	Midwest
Katanning Primary School	Coolingah	Narrogin
Roebourne Primary School		Pilbara
South Hedland Primary School		Pilbara
Westminster Junior Primary	Edale	Swan

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- (2) Yes. Kindergarten per capita grants are paid to non-government schools for their aggregate number of kindergarten age students (Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal) who turn 4 years of age on or before 30 June.

- (3) The following data is semester 2, student enrolments at Aboriginal Kindergartens for 2002-2007. Some of the students are non-Aboriginal.

School Name	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
AMAROO PS	53	55	69	55	59	54
BEACHLANDS PS	51	44	47	47	51	45
BOULDER PS	96	107	98	91	84	60
BROOKMAN PS	24	40	37	39	35	37
BROOME PS	53	60	56	41	59	54
DERBY DHS	55	59	62	53	59	54
DJIDI DJIDI ABORIGINAL SCHOOL	23	25	19	19	15	12
DUDLEY PARK PS	76	68	72	58	66	60
EAST CARNARVON PS	39	40	37	41	35	39
EAST KALGOORLIE PS	18	15	17	12	13	14
FITZROY CROSSING DHS	27	18	35	23	32	42
GWYNNE PARK PS	56	40	41	39	29	38
HALLS CREEK DHS	44	30	28	21	18	27
HILTON PS	36	33	38	31	28	34
KATANNING PS	24	25	23	27	25	18
MEDINA PS	35	24	19	19	23	25
MEEKATHARRA DHS	26	21	21	20	23	21
MOORDITJ NOONGAR COM COLLEGE	41	25	28	27	35	24
MOUNT BARKER PS	57	45	49	32	33	45
NULSEN PS	50	57	49	57	65	53
ROEBOURNE PS	26	30	32	19	29	25
SOUTH HEDLAND PS	54	44	44	43	46	44
SPENCER PARK PS	62	60	46	58	51	43
TRANBY PS	49	39	35	39	43	34
WEST NORTHAM PS	40	28	16	25	24	20
WESTMINSTER JNR PS	35	70	67	69	74	64

The information relating to Kindergarten programs outside of the public education system cannot be provided because the student census does not require each non-government school to report the specific number of Aboriginal students by their age.

- (4) Yes.
- (5) The Department of Education and Training is currently investigating the feasibility of establishing two additional Aboriginal Kindergartens at Challis and Kununurra.