

EDUCATION — SCHOOLS PLUS — RESOURCES ALLOCATED

4651. Dr A.D. Buti to the Minister representing the Minister for Education:

- (1) What was the total budget provided for Schools Plus resources in 2014 and how much of that was allocated to schools for Education Assistant time in 2014?
- (2) What is the total budget provided for Schools Plus resources in 2015 and how much of that has been allocated to schools for Education Assistant time in 2015?
- (3) How many students in total were being supported by Schools Plus in 2014?
- (4) How many students in total are being supported by Schools Plus in 2015?
- (5) How many successful applications and how many unsuccessful applications were there for Schools Plus funding in 2014?
- (6) How many successful applications and how many unsuccessful applications were there for Schools Plus funding in 2015?

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- (1) In 2014, approximately \$285 million was made available to support students with disabilities. The funding allocation to schools for Education Assistant time cannot be reported because the funding was not provided as education assistant time for all schools. Independent Public Schools were provided with the funding as a dollar amount through their one-line budgets.
- (2) The *Schools Plus* Program concluded at the end of 2014 with the introduction of the Student-Centred Funding Model. In 2015, \$305 million has been made available to schools through the Student-Centred Funding Model Disability Allocation, including the new Educational Adjustment allocation. As the funding is not provided as education assistant time, the amount allocated for schools for Education Assistants cannot be reported.
- (3) The total number of students funded through *Schools Plus* in 2014 is not available, as the record keeping within the database is updated daily. As at 30 June 2014, the *Schools Plus* Program supported 8,611 students and as at 31 December 2014, 8,771 students were supported.
- (4) As at 31 October 2015, 9,557 students with an eligible diagnosis have been supported during the course of this year. This figure changes daily due to movements in student enrolments and eligibility.
- (5) The Department of Education does not maintain records of the number of applications that did not meet eligibility criteria for *Schools Plus* funding. Applications that met eligibility were resourced appropriately through the *Schools Plus* Program. Refer to question 3 for number of students supported.
- (6) The Department of Education does not maintain records of the number of applications that do not meet eligibility criteria for the Individual Disability Allocation. Applications that met eligibility criteria were resourced appropriately through the Individual Disability Allocation. Refer to question 4 for number of students supported.