

Division 37: School Curriculum and Standards Authority —

[Supplementary Information No B46.]

Question: Mr P. Papalia asked: Please provide information about how the \$10 million of grants for the implementation of the national curriculum has been spent in the 2010–11 and 2011–12 financial years.

Answer:

We will provide information about how the \$10 million in each of those two years has been spent.

The breakdown of the State’s funding of \$5 million for 2010-11 and \$5 million for 2011-12:

Financial year	Grants to:				Total grants Page 424 State Budget \$’000	Shared Resources Administered By SCSA (b) \$’000	SCSA Portion of State funding \$’000	Total State Funding \$’000
	DOE \$’000	AISWA \$’000	CEO \$’000	By CEO \$’000				
2011-12	2,503	720	832	-	4,055	525	420	5,000
2010-11	2,947	720	832	374	4,873	-	127	5,000

DOE: Department of Education
 AISWA: Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia
 CEO: Catholic Education Office
 SCSA: School Curriculum and Standards Authority (previously known as the Curriculum Council)

Please note that the majority of these funds were disbursed to schools as grants. It is not feasible to provide a breakdown of how the funds were used in every individual school. However, the following provides some examples of how the grants have been spent.

DOE direct grants to schools – distributed to 767 schools in May 2011 enabling schools to make decisions about the particular professional learning and resource needs of their school community.

DOE direct grants to regional networks - distributed in October 2011 to support 76 networks of DOE schools to share expertise

DOE 62 Teacher Development Schools - commenced Term 1, 2012. Teachers supporting other teachers with practical advice and resources

Digital resources - over 500 available through the Department’s website and over 15 000 resources via *Scootle*, Education Services Australia’s online searching and browsing system. New resources will continue to be added . The Department of Education added over 400 resources to *Scootle*.

Professional learning – By the end of April 2012, the DOE Institute for Professional Learning had delivered over 50 Australian Curriculum related professional learning programs to in excess of 2 400 participants. The Catholic Education Office and the Association of Independent Schools of WA have provided a wide range of professional learning opportunities for teachers in their schools.

Cross- sectoral initiative – approximately 160 teachers from across the systems/sector have been and are still engaged in a collaborative, cross sectoral project to analyse the Australian curriculum achievement standards and work samples. Sample assessment items and student work samples have been developed for use by teachers across all system sectors. The additional school development day on 24 April 2012 provided an excellent opportunity for schools to engage in this collaborative project to prepare for implementing the Australian Curriculum

Workshops have been run focussing on each of the phase one subjects for example:

‘Language through literature’ Year 7-10: a workshop was conducted where teachers explored practical ways to develop student understandings about language through a range of Australian literature texts.

UWA held a History seminar series where teachers were provided with strategies to increase confidence in their own historical knowledge.

Mathematics: a cross sectoral workshop was held where teachers developed tasks to assess understanding, fluency, problem solving and reasoning.