

SCHOOLS PLUS FUNDING — BROOME

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

- (1) What percentage of students attending government schools in Broome received Schools Plus funding?
- (2) How does this compare to similar population size non-metropolitan towns?
- (3) How does this compare to the Perth metropolitan area?
- (4) What resources and assistance (if any) are provided from the Department of Education to staff in non-metropolitan schools in making applications for Schools Plus Funding?

Mr J.H.D. Day replied:

- (1) 3.02%
- (2) Esperance area: 2.26%, Geraldton area: 3.29%
- (3) Perth metropolitan area: 3.19%
- (4) Consulting teachers from the School for Special Educational Needs support students with special needs and advise on the *Schools Plus* application process.

Step-by-step instructions, eligibility criteria and support documentation is provided online through the *Schools Plus* website.

Schools Plus Senior Consultants provide telephone and email support as required.

In 2013, a *Schools Plus* Senior Consultant presented a half-day training session in the Kimberley region to school administrators and learning support coordinators to facilitate the application process.

In addition, School Psychologists are allocated to all public schools through Statewide Services.