

Supplementary Information No A1 (refer Page 6 of Transcript of Evidence)

The Committee requested the amount of the Senior School Allocation, disaggregated by school, for each of the years 2008, 2009 and 2010.

See over.

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SCHOOL NAME	2008 Senior School Allocation FTE	2009 Senior School Allocation FTE	2010 Senior School Allocation FTE
BEVERLEY DHS			
BODDINGTON DHS	1.5	1.04	0.4
BOYUP BROOK DHS			
BROOKTON DHS	0.4	0.48	
BRUCE ROCK DHS			
BULLSBROOK DHS	3.26		
CARNAMAH DHS	1.32	1.04	0.4
CHRISTMAS ISLAND DHS	1.66		
COCOS ISLAND DHS			
CORRIGIN DHS	0.32	0.08	
CUNDERDIN DHS	0.4		
DALWALLINU DHS	0.88	0.64	
DARKAN DHS	0.08		
DERBY DHS	2.08	2.2	3.32
DONGARA DHS	1.7	1.58	0.48
DONNYBROOK DHS			
DOWERIN DHS			
EXMOUTH DHS	1.04	1.74	1.62
FITZROY VALLEY DHS	1.54	1.62	1.5
GINGIN DHS	1.5	1.88	1.2
GNOWANGERUP DHS	0.72	0.72	0.32
HALLS CREEK DHS	1.74	1.86	1.62
JERRAMUNGUP DHS	0.08		
JURIEN DHS	0.8	1.5	0.96
KALBARRI DHS	1.66	1.2	1.44
KAMBALDA WEST DHS	0.16		
KELLERBERRIN DHS	0.32		
KOJONUP DHS	1.12	1.38	0.72
KULIN DHS			
KUNUNURRA DHS	3.36		
LAKE GRACE DHS	0.16	0.24	0.16
LEONORA DHS	0.64	1.26	0.72
MEEKATHARRA DHS	1.2	1.38	1.5
MORAWA DHS	0.8	1.58	1.26
MOUNT MAGNET DHS	1.44	1.54	1.12
MUKINBUDIN DHS	0.24	0.48	
MULLEWA DHS	0.8	1.2	0.4
NANNUP DHS			
NAREMBEEN DHS	0.32	0.32	
NORSEMAN DHS	1.26	1.62	1.2
NORTHAMPTON DHS			
NORTHCLIFFE DHS	0.08		
PEMBERTON DHS			
QUAIRADING DHS	0.48	0.16	
RAVENSTHORPE DHS	0.08		
ROEBOURNE DHS			1.9
ROLEYSTONE DHS			
SOUTHERN CROSS DHS	0.64	0.56	0.4
TOODYAY DHS			
WAGIN DHS	0.08	0.08	
WAROONA DHS			
WONGAN HILLS DHS	0.96	1.54	0.72
WYALKATCHEM DHS	0.8	0.4	0.08
WYNDHAM DHS	0.96	0.08	
YANCHEP DHS			
YORK DHS			

Reclassified to Primary School Class 4B in 2010

Supplementary Information No A3 (refer Page 11 of Transcript of Evidence)

The Committee requested any documents that were produced to inform the decision to cease the *Senior School Allocation*.

Document D09/0702398, which informed the decision on removal of the *Senior School Allocation*, is attached.

Information that contributed to the budget line 'Learning and Training Allowance and Programs' in the 2009-10 Budget is also provided.

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

PROVISION OF SENIOR SCHOOLING AT NON-SENIOR SCHOOLS**BACKGROUND**

It is the role of the Department of Education to ensure that all public school students leave school well prepared for their future and have opportunities to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence they need to achieve their individual potential and play an active part in civic and economic life. These objectives are met when resources are applied where they are needed and can do the most good.

Research shows that education provision is strengthened for Year 11 and 12 students by attending senior high schools which are able to provide:

- an increased range of curriculum programs. In particular a wider breadth of vocational programs, with appropriately qualified teachers;
- increased access to teachers with senior schooling and subject specific curriculum expertise;
- larger cohort sizes which research shows leads to improved achievement;
- improved social interaction with peers;
- improved facilities, particularly in the specialist areas; and
- access to hostel capacity.

This paper is based on the premise that:

- year 11 and 12 students are significantly better off, educationally, to attend senior high schools;
- students should not be encouraged to remain in small numbers in schools that are not established to provide a senior schooling program; and
- where students have no option, or elect to remain at their local school, they will be supported.

The elements that underpin the Department's proposed approach are:

- to ensure access to an education program for Year 11 and 12 students choosing to participate in education as a preferred option (school);
- to ensure access to suitable training opportunities for Year 11 and 12 students participating in training as a preferred option (e.g. Apprenticeship, Traineeship, SBA, SBT, ASBT, SAL, institutional TAFE or private RTO delivery);
- to ensure that all students comply with *the Acts Amendment (Higher School Leaving Age and Related Provisions) Act 2005*; and
- optimise effective use of teaching FTE in schools.

In 2006, the *Senior School Allocation* was established as a transition strategy to support non-senior schools to provide senior schooling to small populations of students for Year 11 and 12 as part of the previous government's initiative to raise the school leaving age and require students to participate in education, training or employment until the end of their 17th year.

Prior to the raised school leaving age initiative, those students wishing to pursue senior schooling attended nearby senior high schools, undertook their education through the Schools of Isolated and Distance Education (SIDE) or used boarding facilities.

It is proposed that the allocation of the *Senior School Allocation* funding be reconsidered and targeted to schools that are too far from a senior high school for bus travel and which enrol an educationally viable number of Year 11 and 12 students.

This briefing focuses on the proposed procedures for managing the enrolment of Year 11 and 12 students in district high schools. A subsequent paper will address proposals for managing the enrolment of Year 11 and 12 students in remote community schools and primary schools with a secondary top.

CURRENT SITUATION

The Department of Education provides a base staffing allocation of 0.07 for each non-VET in Schools Year 11 and 12 student and 0.08 for each VET in Schools Year 11 and 12 student enrolled in all schools. This base allocation will continue to apply in all schools enrolling Year 11 and 12 students. Curriculum Access (an additional staffing allocation) is also applied to district high schools for students in Years 8 to 10. This will also continue to apply.

In 2008 there were approximately 947 students participating in Year 11 and 12 programs in non-senior schools. In 2009 this figure has increased to approximately 1098 students. Parents of these students have either chosen not to or, been unable to access schooling for their child in a designated senior school.

In 2009 the *Senior School Allocation* provides an additional 0.08 FTE per student to 47 schools to support the educational needs of students for whom attendance became compulsory and who elect to remain in their rural communities. This equated to 46.46 FTE, totaling \$3.34m.

In 2009 on average schools received \$72 000 through the *Senior School Allocation*, equivalent to slightly less than one FTE. The amounts allocated to schools vary each year depending on the numbers of students enrolled.

Schools typically use the money provided to them through *Senior School allocation* to appoint additional teaching staff however some schools use the funding to employ education assistants or convert the grant into contingencies. This is usually the result of difficulty in identifying appropriate secondary teachers willing to take up appointments for small time fractions and in rural locations.

PROPOSAL

To manage the proposed change in *Senior School Allocation*, district high schools that have been enrolling Year 11 and 12 students have been assessed according to:

- location;
- distance from the nearest designated senior high school; and
- the size of the Year 11 and 12 cohort.

The following two strategies are proposed:

1. Students from district high schools with very low non-viable number of students to attend local senior high schools. Senior School Allocation to cease to these schools.

It is proposed that students from district high schools which have direct bus transport to a senior high school available and/or have extremely low numbers of students in Years 11 and 12 attend a senior high school to access a greater range and depth of educational programs and specialist teachers and facilities. Appropriate bus travel is determined by applying the Public Transport Authority, *Transport Assistance for Students, Operational Policy*, in which, "In-vehicle journey time (including transfers) [is] not to exceed: 90 minutes".

It is proposed that the following district high schools not offer Year 11 and 12 programs into the future. If students do enrol at these district high schools for Year 11 and 12 they will be enrolled in SIDE.

This proposal results in a cessation of funding to the following nine schools:

Wyndham District High School	(Note: will receive Low SES NP funding)
Dalwallinu District High School	
Mukinbudin District High School	
Narembeen District High School	
Quairading District High School	
Brookton District High School	
Corrigin District High School	
Wagin District High School	

Risk and Mitigation Strategy

There is a risk that this proposal will be seen as forcing students to travel to school, in some cases for up to 90 minutes and, where attendance at a senior high school is not viable, withdrawing face-to-face instruction.

Response

- Travel to a school where a viable education program is available is a better educational option than can be provided locally.
- Many of these students are currently on SIDE and face-to-face instruction by specialist teachers is already limited.
- SIDE provides a comprehensive educational program taught by qualified, specialist teachers and has support systems in place for those students who enroll in schools without provision for face-to-face instruction.
- Direct contact will be made with, and support provided for, students likely to be at risk, by Participation Coordinators. Program level support for schools will be provided by Managers Participation.

2. Transition students from district high schools with small numbers of students to senior high schools. Senior School Allocation funding for Year 11 students to cease in 2010, funding for Year 12 students to cease in 2011.

It is proposed to maintain current Year 11 students into Year 12 in district high schools which have access to a bus to a local senior high school and are unable to provide a viable program because of small numbers of students. These schools will

not enrol Year 11 students from 2010.

Students from these schools will benefit from the greater range and depth of educational opportunities able to be offered in larger senior high schools. To assist in the transition and to ensure students currently attending these district high schools in Year 11 do not have their education disrupted, it is proposed that the *Senior School Allocation* be phased out so that in 2010 there will be Year 12 allocation only and 2011 there will be no allocation.

This proposal results in a phasing out of funding by 2011 in twelve schools:

Kojonup District High School
 Gnowangerup District High School
 Southern Cross District High School
 Wyalkatchem District High School
 Carnamah District High School (enrol at Morawa, VET program at Carnamah)
 Dongara District High School
 Boddington District High School (enrol at Narrogin, VET program at Boddington)
 Gingin District High School
 Wongan Hills District High School
 Jurien Bay District High School
 Lake Grace District High School
 Mullewa District High School (note: receiving Low SES NP funding)

Roebourne District High School (note: receiving Low SES NP funding)

Continue to fund year 11 and 12 in 2010, transition year (year 12 funding only) in 2011 and cease *Senior School Allocation* from year 2012. Schools and Participation team to work with students and parents to counsel about best educational choices.

Risk Mitigation Strategy as above.

Review Mechanism

To ensure these changes are able to be managed within school communities and that the education of all students is supported, the relevant Director Schools may put forward a case to the Executive Director, Regional and Remote Schools, for his consideration to vary funding arrangements for a district high school where proposed changes will have unforeseen consequences.

Summary of Financial Impact

As a consequence of these measures savings of \$7.106 million have been identified.

	2009/10 \$000s	2010/11 \$000s	2011/12 \$000s	2012/13 \$000s	Total \$000s
Target 3% Efficiency Dividend	285	570	570	570	1995
Proposed Savings					
Group 1: District High Schools - no Senior School Allocation	84	167	184	184	619
Group 2: District High Schools phasing out Senior School Allocation	235	758	1087	1128	3208
Denmark High School **	114	229	229	229	801

Subtotal	433	1154	1500	1541	4628
*Group 3: Remote Community Schools and Primary Schools with secondary tops – no Senior School Allocation	354	708	708	708	2478
Total	787	1862	2208	2249	7106
Additional savings	502	1292	1638	1679	5111

*discussed in Paper 2

** To receive Curriculum Access

Communication Strategy

There is urgency about communicating this information to schools in order to facilitate planning for 2010. It is proposed that:

- relevant Directors Schools be briefed on these changes;
- the Staffing Directorate be informed of these changes;
- a communiqué from the Deputy Director General, Schools be posted to the relevant principals;
- Directors Schools make direct contact with each effected school to discuss implications and support principals to manage staff reductions and student and family support; and
- Participation teams work with principals, students and families to provide support and guidance on options available for participation in approved education, training and/or employment.

ACTION REQUIRED

That the Minister:

- notes the information in this briefing;
- endorses the attached proposal to reduce the provision of *Senior School Allocation* in district high schools; and
- endorses the communication strategy.

MARGERY EVANS
DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, SCHOOLS

Att.

Senior School Allocation - Group One Schools

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GROUP ONE No Senior School Allocation																		
WYNDHAM DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL	KIMBERLEY	0	1	1	0	1	1	101km	Kununurra	0.08	5762.8				Y	N	N	
DALWALLINU DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL	MIDLANDS	5	3	8	3	4	7	92km	Moora	0.64	46102.4				Y	Y	Y	30
MUKINBUDIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL	MIDLANDS	3	3	6	0	2	2	74km	Merredin	0.48	34576.8				Y	Y	Y	35
NAREMBEEN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL	MIDLANDS	1	3	4	0	1	1	71km	Merredin	0.32	23051.2				Y	Y	Y	35
QUAIRADING DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL	MIDLANDS	2	1	3	2	1	3	103km	Northam	0.16	11525.6				Y	Y	Y	13
BROOKTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL	NARROGIN	3	3	6	1	3	4	69km	Narrogin	0.48	34576.8				Y	Y	Y	70
CORRIGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL	NARROGIN	0	1	1	0	0	0	118km	Merredin	0.08	5762.8				Y	Y	Y	35
WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL	NARROGIN	0	1	1	0	0	0	49km	Narrogin	0.08	5762.8				Y	Y	Y	70

Total	2.32	167121.2
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Senior School Allocation Group Two Schools

District High Schools - Cease 2010		2009 Yr 11	2009 Yr 12	2009 Total	2010 Yr 11	2010 Yr 12	2010 Total	Distance SHS	2009	2010 SS Alloc	2010	2011	COULD DO OFFER A BUS SERVICE?	DO STUDENTS ACCESS SIDE CURRENTLY?	IS THERE A HOSTEL WITHIN REASONABLE DISTANCE?	HOSTELS BE DS AVAILABLE
SCHOOL	DISTRICT	Feb Census							SSAlloc	SSAlloc \$	Yr 12 only	SSAlloc \$	SSAlloc			

GROUP TWO Phasing out Senior School Allocation																		
JURIEN BAY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL	MIDWEST	20	5	25	8	19	27	118km	Moora	1.7	122460	1.44	103730.4		Y	Y	Y	30
KOJONUP DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL	ALBANY	14	5	19	6	8	14	39km	Katanning	1.44	103730	0.64	46102.4		Y	Y	Y	48
GNOWANGERUP DISTRICT HIGH SCH	ALBANY	6	4	10	8	6	14	61km	Katanning	0.8	57628	0.48	34576.8		Y	Y	Y	48
SOUTHERN CROSS DIST	GOLDFIELDS	4	4	8	6	4	10	109km	Merredin	0.64	46102.4	0.32	23051.2		Y	Y	Y	35
WYALKATCHEM DISTRICT HIGH SCH	MIDLANDS	2	3	5	6	1	7	104km	Northam	0.4	28814	0.08	5762.8		Y	Y	Y	13
CARNAMAH DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL	MIDWEST	5	9	14	10	6	16	79km	Morawa	1.12	80679.2	0.48	34576.8		Y	Y	N	
DONGARA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL	MIDWEST	12	11	23	15	8	23	65km	Geraldton	1.62	116697	0.64	46102.4		Y	Y	Y	16
BODDINGTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL	NARROGIN	7	6	13	9	6	14	74km	Narrogin	1.04	74916.4	0.48	34576.8		Y	Y	Y	70
ROEBOURNE DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL	PILBARA	22	20	42	14	19	33	39km	Karratha	2.04	146951	1.86	133985	80679	Y	N	N	
LAKE GRACE DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL	NARROGIN	1	2	3	4	2	6	167km	Narrogin	0.24	17288.4	0.16	11525.6		N	Y	Y	70
GINGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL	WEST COAST	25	9	34	9	15	24	70km	Mindarie	1.88	135426	1.2	86442		Y	Y	N	
MULLEWA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL	MIDWEST	11	4	15	12	10	22	96km	Geraldton	1.2	86442	0.8	57628		Y	N	Y	16
WONGAN HILLS DIST HIGH SCHOOL	MIDLANDS	13	8	21	10	7	17	95km	Northam	1.54	110934	0.56	40339.6		Y	Y	Y	13

Total 15.66 1128068 8.94 658399.8 80679

Excerpt from '3% Efficiency Dividend as per 2009/2010 Budget Paper No 2'

SAVINGS MEASURE	INITIATIVE / PROGRAM	2008/09 \$000s	2009/10 \$000s	2010/11 \$000s	2011/12 \$000s	2012/13 \$000s	TOTAL \$000s
3	Learning and Training Allowance and Programs						
	It Pays to Learn Allowance	5,000	13,500	13,500	13,500	13,500	59,000
	Discontinue Support and Transition Network	-	400	800	800	800	2,800
	Discontinue Learning and Transition Network	-	300	300	300	300	1,200
	Reduce Participation Program (decrease budget 50%)	-	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	18,000
	Discontinue Participation Non Senior Schools Extra staff for Year 11/12	-	285	570	570	570	1,995
	Total Learning and Training Allowance and Programs	5,000	18,985	19,670	19,670	19,670	82,995

This shows the disaggregation of the 'Learning and Training Allowance and Programs' line on page 348 of 2009-10 Budget, Budget Statements, Budget Paper No. 2, Volume 2

	2008-09 Estimated Actual \$'000	2009-10 Budget Estimate \$'000	2010-11 Forward Estimate \$'000	2011-12 Forward Estimate \$'000	2012-13 Forward Estimate \$'000
3% Efficiency Dividend					
<i>Education Sector</i>					
Central Office Administration and Operations	(8,435)	(15,141)	(21,112)	(21,114)	(21,057)
Education and Training Support Programs	(8,584)	(53,016)	(43,812)	(36,769)	(39,210)
Learning and Training Allowance and Programs	(5,000)	(18,985)	(19,670)	(19,670)	(19,670)
State-wide Schooling Provision Reform	-	(3,500)	(8,750)	(18,750)	(21,750)
Student Community Services Program	-	(3,000)	(3,000)	(3,000)	(3,000)
<i>Total Savings</i>	<i>(22,019)</i>	<i>(93,642)</i>	<i>(96,344)</i>	<i>(99,303)</i>	<i>(104,687)</i>
<i>TAFE Sector</i>					
Administration and Operations	(2,825)	(5,555)	(5,543)	(5,565)	(6,595)
College-specific Reforms	(377)	(1,008)	(1,087)	(1,098)	(1,301)
Service Delivery Reforms	(810)	(1,555)	(1,553)	(1,569)	(1,860)
<i>Total Savings</i>	<i>(4,012)</i>	<i>(8,118)</i>	<i>(8,183)</i>	<i>(8,232)</i>	<i>(9,756)</i>
Economic Audit					
Economic Audit Stage 1 Outcome - Review of Transition Support for Secondary Students	-	(1,350)	(1,391)	(1,432)	(1,475)
Other					
Economic Stimulus Package - Training	-	20,155	21,436	5,791	-

RESOURCE AGREEMENT

The following performance information (financial and non-financial) is the subject of a Resource Agreement signed by the Minister for Education, Minister for Training, Accountable Authority and Treasurer under Part 3, Division 5 of the *Financial Management Act 2006*.

The Department assists the Minister for Education and the Minister for Training in the administration of various statutes and related service provision. The service structure of the Department and the Ministers responsible are identified in the following table:

Responsible Minister	Services
Minister for Education	1. Primary Education 2. Secondary Education
Minister for Training	3. Vocational Education and Training Services

OUTCOMES, SERVICES AND KEY PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

Relationship to Government Goals

Broad government goals are supported at agency level by specific outcomes. Agencies deliver services to achieve these outcomes. The following table illustrates the relationship between the agency's services and desired outcomes, and the government goal it contributes to. The key effectiveness indicators measure the extent of impact of the delivery of services on the achievement of desired outcomes. The key efficiency indicators monitor the relationship between the service delivered and the resources used to produce the service.



2009-10 BUDGET

BUDGET STATEMENTS

Budget Paper No. 2

Volume 2

**PRESENTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
ON 14 MAY 2009**

Supplementary information No A5 (refer Page 18 of Transcript of Evidence)

The Committee requested a list of the schools that will continue to receive the Senior School Allocation.

Schools continuing to receive the Senior School Allocation

DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS

DERBY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
EXMOUTH DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
FITZROY VALLEY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
HALLS CREEK DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
KALBARRI DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
LEONORA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
MEEKATHARRA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
MORAWA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
MOUNT MAGNET DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
NORSEMAN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

PUBLIC

REMOTE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

JIGALONG REMOTE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
KALUMBURU REMOTE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
LA GRANGE REMOTE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
LOOMA REMOTE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
ONE ARM POINT REMOTE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
WANGKATJUNGKA REMOTE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
WILUNA REMOTE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

PRIMARY SCHOOLS WITH SECONDARY TOPS

LAVERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
SHARK BAY PRIMARY SCHOOL
NULLAGINE PRIMARY SCHOOL
ONSLOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

OTHER

THE NGAANYATJARRA LANDS SCHOOL

Supplementary information No A6 (refer Page 18 of Transcript of Evidence)

The Committee requested any documentation that identifies that this payment (i.e. Senior School Allocation) had a fixed lifetime, so that it was intended that it would eventually be phased out.

The attached document is an excerpt from DO07/117240, Budget Overview, Learning and Training Guarantee, which shows that additional staff and programs for 16 and 17 year olds, of which *Senior School Allocation* is a part, had a total allocation of \$49.926 million for the years 2005/06 to 2008/09. This paper also shows that no allocation had been made for this purpose in the 2009/10 budget.

Initiative	Agency	Total Allocation	04/05 budget	04/05 actual	05/06 budget	05/06 actual	06/07 budget	06/07 predicted	07/08 budget	08/09 budget	09/10 budget
Additional staff and programs for 16 and 17 year olds	DET	\$49.926 million	0		2,357	3,343	5,856	7,656	14,343	24,370	
Staffing					1,681	2,500	4,177	5,977			
Programs (ETPP)					676	1,676**	1,679	1,679 *500 to 05/06	*500 to 05/06		
Appointment of 100 Training Mentors	DET	\$25.479 million			2,140	1,379	5,135	4,100	7,472	10,732	10,732
Payment of Learning Allowances	DET	\$69.265 million	13,441	5,031	13,570	13,146	13,665	13,665	14,268	14,321	14,321
Extension of the Student Assistance Scheme	DET	\$4.28 million			1,070	1,070	1,070	1,070	1,070	1,070	1,070
School Apprenticeship Link *	DET/DES	\$6.832 million			0	0	1,997	1,997	1,997	1,997	1,997
Increase Boarding Away From Home Allowance to \$1100	DET	\$3.45 million			825	825	850	850	875	900	900
Transport Subsidy	Planning & Infrastructure	\$4.125 million									
Additional Resources to process additional students.	Curriculum Council	\$3.350 million									
Payments to non-government schools **	DES	\$6.436 million									
TOTAL		\$191.93 million	13,441	5,031	19,962	19,763	28,543	29,338	40,025	53,390	29,020

** - note – funds brought forward into this budget to support program costs in schools/TAFEWA Colleges for NEET in 2006 – 500 from 06/07, and 500 from 07/08.

Supplementary information No A8 (refer Page 27 of Transcript of Evidence)

The Committee requested numbers of Year 11 and 12 students not participating in education at this point in time.

Number of Year 11 and 12 students not participating in education

As at 30 April 2010, the Curriculum Council indicate that 639 young people were not in school or an approved option. Of these, 341 young people had left school in Year 11 and Year 12, and 298 young people had left their approved Notice of Arrangement.

Notice of Arrangement

A parent of a young person in their 16th and 17th years must give notice to, or seek approval from, the Minister for Education, that instead of going to full time school the young person will be participating in one of the full time options approved under the *Acts Amendment (Higher School Leaving Age and Related Provisions) Act 2005*.

The parent notifies the Minister in regard to full time accredited training; full time apprenticeship or traineeship; full time higher education course or an approved Community Based Course and seeks approval from the Minister for participation in a combination of options or full time employment other than an apprenticeship or traineeship. This is managed through a sub delegation process by the Participation branch.