

Question on Notice

No. 177

Asked on 26 February 2008

Ms Lee Long asked the Minister for Education and Training and Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the Government's Literacy Commitment (23 August 2006) which allows children in Grades 5 and 7 up to \$1000 to meet literacy standards —

- (1) How many children attending schools in the Tablelands Electorate receive this funding?
- (2) Will he detail the schools and numbers separately?

ANSWER:

The Bligh Government is investing \$35.6 million over four years in the Upper Primary Literacy Grant to provide intensive tuition to students in Years 6 and 7 who do not achieve the Year 5 literacy benchmark. In 2007, the program helped more than 19,000 students gain confidence and literacy skills.

The funding is available to state and non-state schools to employ registered teachers to work in partnership with classroom teachers to plan for and work with struggling students. Up to \$1000 is provided per student to cover the costs of providing remedial teaching support. Additional teachers are used during the school day to work with the classroom teacher so that the extra tuition focuses on the literacy demands of the class program.

This literacy program helps students begin a seamless transition from primary school to high school and leads to more effective student learning and positive experiences in adolescence. In 2008, 252 state school students will receive support through this initiative in the Tablelands Electorate. The following table outlines the number of eligible students per school who will access this program in 2008.

Schools	Student Nos.
Atherton State School	43
Biboohra State School	12
Butchers Creek State School	1
Chillagoe State School	5
Dimbulah State School	8
Herberton State School	15
Julatten State School	6
Kairi State School	3
Malanda State School	28
Mareeba State School	70
Mena Creek State School	2
Millaa Millaa State School	7
Mount Garnet State School	6
Palmerston East State School	1
Ravenshoe State School	21
Tolga State School	13
Walkamin State School	5
Yungaburra State School	6
Total	252

Data Source: State School Year 5 Literacy Results (Reading), DETA, 2006 & 2007

Student Nos. refers to the number of state school students in the Tablelands electorate identified as being below the reading benchmark from the QSA Year 5 test in 2006 and 2007.