

## Estimates Committee 2004 Questions Taken On Notice

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Subject: DARE Program in Schools

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**Question:** 2-3  
Minister, how many schools have the DARE program being delivered at the present?

**Answer:**

Answered On: 07/07/2004

Answer: RESPONSE

In consultation with the Co-ordinator of School Based Policing – Brevet Sergeant Peter Anderson I have been informed that the DARE program is being delivered in the following locations during 2004:

**Alice Springs**

- the two Government High Schools and the Catholic High School received the DARE education for their year seven students this year. Four primary schools have received or are timetabled to receive DARE in 2004.

**Nhulunbuy Schools**

- Both the primary school and Christian school received and will continue to receive DARE lessons this year.

Tennant Creek Primary received DARE early in 2004.

In the Darwin, Palmerston and rural areas DARE has been taught or is scheduled for delivery in sixteen schools by the end of 2004.

As the DARE program is to be phased out by the end of 2004 the following has been put in place:

- a (draft) Drug Education Framework has been developed by Curriculum Services Branch. The framework has been developed in consultation with the Catholic Education and Independent Education systems and has been coordinated by a steering group made up of principal representatives, the Police, Health Department and Life Education representatives. It is intended that the framework will replace the DARE program in schools in 2005. The framework has been developed to ensure schools are positioned to manage drug related incidents in schools and to ensure the delivery of comprehensive curriculum programs in drug education in schools.

Complementing the development of the Drug Education Strategy is the completed rollout of the Indigenous Drug Education Support Materials for Indigenous schools. The kit has been delivered to schools and extensive in-servicing provided to teachers during 2003 and early 2004 across indigenous remote schools sector. The Drug Education Program manager in Health Promoting Schools unit in the Curriculum Branch of DEET is currently working with the police to develop a new set of educational programs for school based police which will enable them to undertake an enhanced education role in schools.

The police are continuing to play an important educative role in schools as supporters of teachers who will remain primarily responsible for the teaching/learning programs in schools.