

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

Question Taken on Notice

Date: 19/06/2018
Subject: Water Safety Life Skills Program
From: Member for Spillett, Lia Finocciaro MLA
To: Minister for Education, the Hon Eva Lawler MLA
Agency: Department of Education

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Question: What is the budget allocation 2018/19 for the water safety life skills program?
How many NT students have achieved the national minimum standard benchmark for water safety?

Answer:

The Department of Education will continue to work with the Royal Life Saving Society Northern Territory (RLSSNT) to evaluate the effectiveness of the Water Safety and Life Skills Program following its trial in Semester 1, 2018 to identify cost effective ways for schools to be able to offer water safety and swimming lessons beyond the 2017/18 financial year.

NT Government schools are currently funding participation in swimming and water safety lessons through their school budgets and/or parental contributions of between \$50 and \$150 per student.

The department obtains an annual figure from RLSSNT as to the number of students that have achieved the national benchmark (level 4 or above of the swim and survive program). In the 2016-17 financial year, there were 783 students and, in the 2015-16 financial year, 741 students who achieved the national benchmark.

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