

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY****WRITTEN QUESTION**

Ms Martin

to Minister for School Education

**Funding for schools/students travelling to representing the Northern Territory**

1. What funding is made available to schools to assist students travelling interstate to represent the Northern Territory.
2. If funding is made available, how much and what is the criteria for the funding.
3. How are the above funds dispersed to the schools.
4. How can parents apply for assistance for their children in this situation.

**ANSWER**

1. Annual grants are provided for the following programs -
  - . School Sport NT
  - . Northern Territory Plain English Speaking Award and Northern Territory Debating
  - . Tournament of Minds
2.
  - . School Sport NT has an annual grant which for 1999/2000 is \$209,000
  - . The total annual grant for the Northern Territory Plain English Speaking Awards and Northern Territory Debating is \$7,000 with each program receiving \$3,500
  - . The total annual grant for Tournament of Minds is \$5,000

The grants support both intraterritory and interstate travel. The criteria to represent the Northern Territory for each program is to gain selection by high achievement in Territory-wide competition.

3. For all programs, funding is based on teams/individual selection and is used to offset costs. No monies are disbursed directly to schools or individual families.
4. For all programs, as selection is the criteria and support is automatic on selection, there is no further requirement or facility to apply for government assistance.