

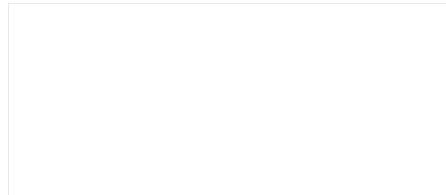
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Question : Northern Territory/Indonesia Teacher and Student Exchange Program

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Member : Mr BELL

To : MINISTER for EDUCATION and TRAINING



1. How many scholarships have been offered under the Northern Territory/Indonesia Teacher and Student Exchange Program.
2. To whom have these scholarships been offered.
3. What are the criteria for awards in the following categories -
 - (a) qualifications;
 - (b) commitment to the Northern Territory;
 - (c) overall length of service; and
 - (d) length of service in the Northern Territory.
4. How have recipients measured against these criteria in relation to awards given in the following calendar years -
 - (a) 1991;
 - (b) 1992; and
 - (c) 1993 to date.

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ANSWER

1. Four (4) teacher exchanges and 10 student exchanges are offered each year. Since 1985 the total number of participants has been -
 - (a) 32 Northern Territory teachers;
 - (b) 63 Northern Territory students;
 - (c) 26 Indonesian teachers; and
 - (d) 56 Indonesian students.

2. The following are eligible to apply to participate in the exchange program -
 - (a) Primary and secondary teachers in NT government schools; and
 - (b) Secondary students in Years 10, 11 and 12 in government and non-government schools.

- 3A. The criteria for selection of teachers are -
 - (a) Previous commitment to study of Indonesian language/culture;
 - (b) Current level of proficiency in Indonesian language;
 - (c) Length and quality of service in the NT;
 - (d) Reasons for applying for exchange;
 - (e) Relevance to career path;
 - (f) Benefit to department/school;
 - (g) Presentation and reliability;
 - (h) Suitability as NT/Australian representative in Indonesia; and
 - (i) Ability to adjust to Indonesian way of life.

- 3B. The criteria for selection of students are -
 - (a) School record;
 - (b) Previous commitment to study of the Indonesian language/culture;
 - (c) Current level of proficiency in Indonesian language;
 - (d) Reasons for applying for exchange;
 - (e) Relevance to career intentions/maturity;
 - (f) Presentation and reliability;
 - (g) Suitability as NT/Australian representative in Indonesia; and
 - (h) Ability to adjust to Indonesian way of life.

4. Recipients from 1991 to date have been measured against the above-mentioned criteria by a panel of departmental officers comprising -
 - (a) Director, Human Resource Development Branch (formerly known as the Manager, Professional and Career Development);

- (b) Representative of the NT Principals Association;
- (c) Principal Education Officer, Languages Other Than English; and
- (d) Senior Education Officer, Exchanges and Awards.

The selection process includes a check of curriculum vitae, consultation with referees and supervisors, and an interview. In 1993, an oral language test has been introduced for teachers.