

EDUCATION — ACADEMIC PROGRAMS — STATISTICS

2173. Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup to the minister representing the Minister for Education and Training:

Within all primary and secondary schools as at 1 July 2017:

- (a) what is the breakdown, by year group, of the total student population;
- (b) what is the breakdown, by year group, of the total student population who have an identified Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background;
- (c) what is the breakdown, by year group, of the total student population who participate in the Primary Extension and Challenge (PEAC) program;
- (d) what is the breakdown, by year group, of the total student population who participate in the Primary Extension and Challenge (PEAC) program with an identified Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background;
- (e) what is the breakdown, by year group, of the total student population who participate in Gifted and Talent Programs; and
- (f) what is the breakdown, by year group, of the total student population who participate in Gifted and Talent Programs with an identified Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background?

Mr P. Papalia replied:

(a)–(b)

Year Level	Public school students		Non-government school students	
	All	Aboriginal	All	Aboriginal
Kindergarten	24 939	1 944	11 366	298
Pre-primary	25 300	2 069	8 846	280
Year 1	25 437	2 130	8 938	283
Year 2	25 139	2 076	9 099	288
Year 3	24 884	2 131	9 027	289
Year 4	25 132	2 096	9 437	314
Year 5	24 328	2 135	9 735	271
Year 6	22 744	2 023	9 833	297
Year 7	18 728	1 724	12 444	410
Year 8	17 889	1 506	12 653	417
Year 9	17 486	1 505	12 205	374
Year 10	17 136	1 307	12 236	428
Year 11	17 211	1 062	11 751	393
Year 12	14 360	718	10 679	292
Ungraded secondary	136	0	191	52
Total	300 849	24 426	148 440	4 686

The number of students per school, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, is not collected for 1 July 2017. The information is only available as at the biannual student censuses in February and August each year. Data from the August student censuses has been provided because it is closest to 1 July 2017 (4 August 2017).

The reporting of students as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is based on school student enrolment records. Students can self-identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, or can be nominated by their parents or guardians. Students whose ancestors are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders, but who do not self-identify as such and are not nominated by their parent or guardian, are not recorded as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Public schools include community kindergartens; non-government schools include independent preschools.

Aboriginal students include Torres Strait Islander students.

- (c)–(d) PEAC is a part-time withdrawal program available to all Year 5 and 6 students in public schools. All Year 4 public school students are tested to ascertain their eligibility for PEAC. PEAC testing and eligibility is managed and collected centrally. Program provision is managed locally by Education Regions. Student participation in a wide range of PEAC programs and delivery modes is voluntary and is not centrally collected.

Year Level	All students	Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Students
Year 5	823	2
Year 6	899	8
Total	1 722	10

- (e)–(f) Secondary selective gifted and talented academic, languages and arts programs are provided in 18 public secondary schools and online. Places in these programs are open to all students – public, non-government, interstate and overseas – by selective entrance testing.

Year Level	All Students	Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Students
Year 7	806	0
Year 8	802	8
Year 9	793	8
Year 10	813	10
Year 11	789	5
Year 12	692	7
Total	4 695	38