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### House of Representatives Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs

Inquiry into Educational Opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students

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## **Inquiry into Educational Opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students—re-referred**

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs has announced that its inquiry into educational outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from the 44<sup>th</sup> Parliament has been re-referred to the Committee for further inquiry.

The Chair of the Committee, Ms Melissa Price MP said “the cessation of the 44<sup>th</sup> Parliament prevented the Committee from completing this important inquiry so it has been re-referred to the Committee for that purpose.”

“The aims of the inquiry are to identify the best opportunities and pathways we can give to Indigenous students to assist them to succeed in school, regardless of whether they live in a remote community or in a regional or urban centre.”

#### *Terms of Reference*

*The Committee will inquire into and report on key aspects of educational opportunities and outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students up to school leaving age, including but not limited to:*

- *access to, participation in and outcomes of pre-schooling*
- *the provision of boarding school education and its outcomes*
- *access to, participation in, and benefits of different school models for indigenous students in different parts of Australia*
- *engagement and achievement of students in remote areas*
- *impacts on, and support for, families and communities whose children experience different models of educational services*
- *best practice models, both domestically and internationally, and*
- *comparisons of school models in the transition to further education and employment outcomes.*

The Committee invites submissions to the inquiry by Friday 25 November 2016. For advice on making submissions see the Committee’s website at [www.aph.gov.au/indigenousaffairs](http://www.aph.gov.au/indigenousaffairs) or contact the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4559. If you made a submission to this inquiry in the 44<sup>th</sup> Parliament, it is not necessary to make another submission unless you have further information which you believe the Committee should receive.



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