

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1

Output Group: 1.2 – Assistance to individuals including those with special needs.

DEST Question No. E697_05

Senator Aden Ridgeway provided in writing.

Question:

Nyangatjatjara College receives funding from DEST, from the Territory government and from Aboriginal Hostels. What are the conditions on which Nyangatjatjara College receives the Commonwealth funds?

Answer:

Nyangatjatjara College

All non-government education authorities must enter into an Agreement with the Commonwealth and comply with the conditions contained therein in order to receive schools funding. Briefly, these conditions refer to a commitment to the National Goals for Schooling; a commitment to achieve performance measures; the provision of financial accountability, including a financial questionnaire drawn from audited financial statements and educational accountability.

Eligible providers must also enter into agreements with the Commonwealth for the payment of funding under the *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000* (the Act). The Act, the agreement and the IESIP Provider Administrative Guidelines 2001 – 2004 Part 1 set out the conditions of the funding. These conditions include a requirement for providers to submit appropriate performance and financial reports.

Nyangatjatjara College is also approved for funding under the Structured Workplace Learning programme. This is provided to support young people in remote communities with access and opportunity to undertake structured work placements while still at school.

The College is required to submit relevant financial audited statements, and Strategic and Business plans. The Chairperson is required to report outcomes in relation to the funded activities.

The College receives funding from Aboriginal Hostels Limited (AHL) under the AHL Community Hostel Grants (CHG) programme. This programme is governed by the AHL CHG Program Funding Guidelines May 2001.