

## 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. E699\_05**

Senator Aden Ridgeway provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

Do you have any evidence that the contribution is being made? i.e. that any funding from the Corporation is going to the school? Do you see regular monthly financial updates of both the school books and the Corporation's books?

#### **Answer:**

*Nyangatjatjara Corporation*

Nyangatjatjara Aboriginal Corporation is recognised by the Australian Government as the approved authority for Nyangatjatjara College, that is, the body with principal responsibility for running the school.

The Corporation has entered into an Agreement with the Australian Government for the payment of funding under the General Recurrent Grants Programme and must account for the funds in accordance with the terms of that Agreement. A certificate signed by a qualified accountant must be provided by 30 June each year which states that the funds were spent for the purposes for which they were granted. No financial contribution is required from the Corporation under this Agreement.

No financial contribution is required under the Corporation's Indigenous Education Agreement. From 2005, Section 11D of the *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000* (the Act) will require all providers with funding agreements made under Section 10 to report to the Commonwealth on their use of "Other Funds" (if any) to advance the objects of the Act. "Other Funds" means funding from sources other than Commonwealth funding provided under the Act or Commonwealth funding for schools, training or related purposes.

The Corporation is required to submit audited financial acquittals annually in respect of its recurrent funding under the Act. Financial acquittals requirements in respect of capital works funding are set out in the funding agreement and are linked to the progress of the project with a final acquittal for all of the funding required at the completion of the project.

Aboriginal Hostels Limited (AHL) advises that it does not require a contribution from the funded organisation. Quarterly accounts and annual audits are provided as part of the AHL Community Hostel Grants Program funding conditions.