

## 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. E700\_05**

Senator Aden Ridgeway provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

When was the last time a Commonwealth officer, or delegated officer from the Northern Territory Government, visited the school site to ensure that projects funded have actually been carried out?

#### **Answer:**

*Nyangatjatjara College*

Officers from the DEST Northern Territory State Office last visited the Nyangatjatjara Aboriginal College on 2 February 2005. The visit was primarily to discuss issues around the changes to the Indigenous Education suite of programmes for the 2005 – 2008 Quadrennium, but included discussion relating to the construction currently taking place at the College. This followed a previous visit on 1 September 2004, to establish the progress of the capital works and the achievement of associated milestones to facilitate the release of payments to the Nyangatjatjara Aboriginal Corporation for the construction of student accommodation and ancillary services at the College.

Aboriginal Hostels Limited (AHL) advised that its Regional Manager, Community Liaison Officer and two Central Office Research and Evaluation Officers visited the College on 30 August 2004. The Research and Evaluation Officers attended the College as part of the AHL review of the Secondary Education Programme which it is currently undertaking. The Regional Manager visited the College again on 15 March 2005.