

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. E701_05

Senator Aden Ridgeway provided in writing.

Question:

Are you concerned that there is no different bank account for the school – the bank account is the corporation's account?

Answer:

Nyangatjatjara College

Funding under the General Recurrent Grants Programme requires that 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.

Funding provided under an Indigenous Education Agreement must either be held and identified in a separate bank account established for each funding element, or managed through an accounting system that is recognised by a providers' independent auditor as suitable for readily identifying the receipt and expenditure of the funds.

Funding under both the *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000* and the *States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Act 2000* for the 2001 – 2004 funding quadrennium has been paid to the Nyangatjatjara Aboriginal Corporation through a single bank account held in the name Nyangatjatjara Aboriginal Corporation College Business Cheque Account.

Aboriginal Hostels Limited (AHL) advises that it pays funding into two bank accounts held in the names Nyangatjatjara Aboriginal Corporation College Business Cheque Account and the Nyangatjatjara Aboriginal Corporation College Cash Management Account.