

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.5 – Assistance for post school students including those with special needs.

DEST Question No. E704_05

Senator Aden Ridgeway provided in writing.

Question:

How much money does the Nyangatjatjara College or the Corporation (or both) receive as Abstudy payments? How much did they receive in the last year and how much do they receive on a regular basis currently.

Answer:

Nyangatjatjara College

Nyangatjatjara College receives ABSTUDY funds dependent on the number of individual students enrolled at any time. The amount of ABSTUDY for each individual student is assessed by Centrelink, and is determined by parental income, the age of the student and the period for which each student will be enrolled at the school. Centrelink records indicate that in 2004 some \$438,084 was paid to Nyangatjatjara Aboriginal Corporation on behalf of the students assessed as eligible for ABSTUDY at Nyangatjatjara College. The level of funding the Corporation will receive in ABSTUDY payments for future periods will depend on the level of funding generated by the particular cohort of students.