

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1
Output Group: 1.2 – Assistance for individuals including those with special needs

DEST Question No. E871_07

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

Yipirinya School

1. I believe DEST fund the school approximately \$500k per annum for a language program. Is this correct?
2. If so could you tell me what languages are funded – is it all four of them spoken by the students (Central Arrernte, Western Arrernte, Luritja and Warlpiri) or is it only some of them?
3. Who teaches these languages – is it qualified or unqualified Indigenous teachers and if the latter are they in any way supervised by qualified staff?
4. How are these funds acquitted each year?

Answer:

Yipirinya School

1. Yes.
2. Four Indigenous languages.
3. Appropriately qualified staff and elders as vernacular teachers and instructors.
4. Funding is acquitted annually in accordance with Section 11C of the Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000.