

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.4 – Funding for higher education

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Senator Crossin asked on 3 June 2003, EWRE Hansard page 267

Question:

In the context of discussion of increased funding for the Indigenous Support Funding (ISF) component of operating grant in 1996 and the application of annual indexation arrangements for ISF, Senator Crossin asked: “Has the Higher Education Equity Program been adjusted over the years by the same factor?”

Answer:

Indexation of the Higher Education Equity Program

Unlike ISF, funding for the Higher Education Equity Program (HEEP) was not increased in 1996. In 1994 HEEP funding had been increased by \$1.201 million (25 per cent) from the previous year: that is, from \$4.834 million to \$6.036 million (in 2002 dollars). Since then HEEP funding has been adjusted annually by the higher education cost adjustment factor.