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

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Senator Evans asked on 31 May 2006, EWRE Hansard page 119.

Question:

Even allowing for the \$10 million, you seem to be spending less than you did in the year before. Given inflation et cetera, that surprises me so I just wanted to know why.

Answer:

Australian Government Indigenous Expenditure

The reduction is mainly as a result of the following three items:

1. Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act - a decrease of \$9.4m

This variation across the years is predominately due to the delays in the States/Territories signing the 2005-08 funding agreements. As a result expenses were recognised later than originally estimated thereby inflating the 2005-06 expenses and creating the perception of a reduction in funding. However, it is really just a reflection of a timing adjustment in the recognition of expenses.

2. One off pilot funding for Tiwi Islands Secondary College of \$10m in 2005-06.
3. The cessation of the ABSTUDY Student Financial Supplement Loan Scheme reflecting a \$4.4m decrease.