

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006 - 07 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1

Output Group: 1.2 – Assistance for Individuals including those with special needs

DEST Question No. E024_07

Senator Crossin and Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

Please provide the amount of funding (actuals and estimates), broken into government, non-government or joint programs, for the following Indigenous education programs for the years: 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08.

- Supplementary recurrent assistance
- ESL – Indigenous language speaking students
- Indigenous education projects
- Short-term special assistance
- “Mixed Mode” away from base
- ITAS – in class tuition
- ITAS – Year 10-12 tuition
- ITAS – tertiary tuition
- Parent school partnerships
- Homework centres

Answer:

Indigenous Education Programme funding

Indigenous Education Programme (IEP) funding is appropriated under Section 14A of the *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000*. The IEP funding is limited to the amounts specified in the legislation. It is comprised of a number of programme elements: Supplementary Recurrent Assistance (SRA), Targeted Projects and Programme Support, and since 1 January 2005, Indigenous Education Direct Assistance (IEDA).

SRA is distributed to government and non-government education providers on a per capita basis and will fluctuate with enrolment growth. Enrolment changes may impact on the funding available for Targeted Projects.

Funding for “Mixed-mode” Away from Base is appropriated under Section 13 of the *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000* and is demand driven.

Indigenous Education Forward Estimates as at 2006-07 Budget

Programme Component	2005-06* \$'000	2006-07 \$'000	2007-08 \$'000	2008-09 \$'000	2009-10 \$'000
SRA – Government	138,510	85,458	88,936	90,573	92,294
SRA - Non-Government	67,574	47,241	49,734	50,660	51,623
Targeted Projects - Government	22,226	25,819	16,596	15,984	16,288
Targeted Projects - Non-Government	20,254	31,158	22,558	22,760	23,353
IEDA - Government	45,574	81,146	62,724	59,824	57,201
IEDA - Non-Government	19,307	32,791	25,350	24,175	23,115

Programme Support	995	1,500	1,000	1,000	1,000
Away from Base - Government	23,752	24,312	24,912	25,533	26,173
Away from Base - Non-Government	3,549	3,633	3,723	3,815	3,911
Totals ^	341,738	333,059	295,531	294,324	294,955

^ Totals may not add due to rounding

* The forward estimates for 2005-06 and subsequent years include the roll over of funding from 2004-05 of some \$129m.

Estimates for targeted projects include elements such as ESL - Indigenous Language Speaking Students, Indigenous Education projects and short-term special assistance. Similarly IEDA estimates include both ITAS and Whole of School Intervention Strategy.

End of year actual expenditure is not yet available for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 financial years.

There was no expenditure of Short-term special assistance in 2005-06.

Indigenous Education expenditures are required to be maintained at reportable programme levels, and the Financial Management Information System is structured to report at that level.

Indigenous Education Actual Accrual Expenditures

Programme Component	2005-06 Actual \$'000
SRA - Government	127,167
SRA – Non-Government	52,833
ESL – ILSS – Government	5,921
ESL – ILSS – Non Government	705
Indigenous education projects - Government	5,507
Indigenous education projects – Non-Government	12,200
Mixed Mode away from base - Government	26,140
Mixed Mode away from base – Non-Government	14,360
ITAS - Government	37,914
ITAS – Non-Government	7,406
Whole of School Intervention Strategy - Government	14,622
Whole of School Intervention Strategy – Non-Government	10,402

Source: DEST Financial Management Information System (FMIS)