

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. E038_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

Budget paper No. 3 Table B1 (page 47) reports the following estimated reductions in payments to government schools under the Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programme:

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| a) | Year 2005-06 | \$160.7m |
| b) | Year 2007-08 | \$111.3m |
| c) | Year 2008-09 | \$105.5m |

Funding for IESIP for government schools appears to reduce by over \$55m from 2005-06 to 2007-08. In what areas and activities are these reductions in funding to be realised?

Answer:

Payments to government schools under the Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programme (IESIP)

Variations across the period reflect delays in the recognition of expenses in 2004-05 and 2005-06. This has resulted in expenses being recognised in later years as compared to where they would be normally be recognised. The result of which has inflated the 2005-06 and 2006-07 expenses therefore creating the perception of a reduction in funding.