

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2007-2008 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome

DEST Question No. E64A_08

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

For each of the following Budget Measures

- Establishing a pilot community managed Indigenous boarding college (\$10 million in 2005-06)
- Using sport to improve young Indigenous people's education and life prospects (\$19.6m over four years; \$3.4 million in 2006-07)

Can you please tell us:

1. How much has been expended in 2006-07?
2. Please provide departmental/ administered breakdown?
3. Please provide details of what has been achieved on the ground to date?
4. What outcomes have been achieved to date?

Answer:

Establishing a pilot community managed Indigenous boarding college (\$10 million in 2005-06)

1. \$10 million was paid to the NT Block Grant Authority (NTBGA) in 2006.
2. This initiative comprised administered funds only.
- 3 & 4. A contamination issue on the site has delayed the construction of the boarding college. The Tiwi Education Board (TEB) commissioned GHD Pty Ltd, Darwin to assess a number of contamination issues.

The NT Environmental Protection Authority (NTEPA) provided written clearance in early July 2007 for the first stage of construction. Pending a permit from the Aboriginal Sites Protection Agency and the finalisation of the Construction Environment Management Plan, construction will commence in July 2007, and the college is expected to open for the 2008 school year.

Using sport to improve young Indigenous people's education and life prospects (\$19.6m over four years; \$3.4 million in 2006-07)

1. The total administered funds expended in 2006/07 for the Sporting Chance Programme was \$1.4 million.
2. The budget breakdown for the Programme is as follows.

Summary	2006-07
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	\$m
Academies	1.9
Education engagement strategies	1
Total administered funding	2.9
Departmental	0.5
Total funding	3.4

3 & 4. School-base sports academies

Thirteen sports academies were announced on 13 March 2007, and all have commenced operation.