

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome

DEST Question No. E111_08

Senator Crossin asked on 31 May 2007, EWRE Hansard page 77.

Question:

Senator CROSSIN—I refer to the tutorial assistance scheme, ITAS. How much was allocated in 2006 and how much was spent?

Mr Greer—I understand there are a number of elements of ITAS—in-class tuition, year 9 through to year 12, the remote Indigenous support system, VET and tertiary. In aggregate, the allocation for all elements was \$47.5 million in 2006. My understanding is that the actual expenditure in 2006 was \$51.7 million.

Senator CROSSIN—You mentioned five elements. Has each got a discrete budget item?

Mr Greer—Yes, and we can provide that.

Answer:

Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme

The table below outlines 2006 allocations for the five ITAS elements.

ITAS Element	2006 Expenditure
In Class Tuition	\$34.2m
Year 10, 11 & 12 Tuition	\$7.1m
Remote Indigenous Students (RIS) Tuition	\$3.9m
Tertiary Tuition	\$6.5m
Total	\$51.7m

The Vocational Education and Training (VET) Tuition programme commenced January 2007.