

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

#### Outcome

#### DEST Question No. E125\_08

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

#### Question:

1. For the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme, what is the definition of an eligible student?
2. Can the Department confirm that every eligible student will receive tutorial assistance?
3. If not, what percentage of eligible students will receive tutorial assistance?
4. We have heard reports that some schools are only being offered tutorial assistance for 30% of eligible students? Is this true?

#### Answer:

##### *Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme*

1. The Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS) comprises five programme elements, each of which define student eligibility for the relevant elements:
  - *In-Class Tuition* – an eligible student is an Indigenous student in Years 4, 6 and 8 who did not meet one or more of the Year 3, 5 or 7 literacy or numeracy benchmarks in the previous year's literacy and numeracy benchmark tests; or an Indigenous student in Years 1 to 8, who is at risk of not meeting the relevant literacy and/or numeracy curriculum outcome levels for their age.
  - *Year 9, 10, 11 & 12 Tuition* – an eligible student is an Indigenous secondary school student who is studying to complete Year 9, 10, 11 or 12.
  - *Remote Indigenous Students (RIS) Tuition* – an eligible student is an Indigenous student who leaves their remote community to attend school in a non-remote location, or to attend a remote boarding school. Tuition is available in the first year students are away from their remote community.
  - *Vocational Education and Training (VET) Tuition* – an eligible student is an Indigenous student who is enrolled in a formal VET course or structured training programme leading to the attainment of a Certificate Level III or above qualification. An eligible student can also be one participating in an accredited VET course at an institution receiving ITAS tuition prior to 2005.
  - *Tertiary Tuition* – an eligible student is an Indigenous student studying a university award level course.
2. No.
- 3 & 4. Funding formulas for each ITAS programme element are included in the Indigenous Education Programmes Provider Guidelines 2005-2008

[http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/indigenous\\_education/programmes\\_funding/forms\\_guidelines/guidelines\\_and\\_application\\_forms.htm#Indigenous Education Programmes Provider Guidelines 2005-2008](http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/indigenous_education/programmes_funding/forms_guidelines/guidelines_and_application_forms.htm#Indigenous_Education_Programmes_Provider_Guidelines_2005-2008)).