

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 2 - Schools

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Question

A REPORT SPECIFICALLY ON INDIGENOUS EDUCATION.

Dr Bruniges—No. I was not looking like that either; sorry; but I am happy to take it on notice. Ms Paul—Can you just say that again? Senator CROSSIN—The annual report on Indigenous education. We started to play catch-up after a while. I think the 2004 year was not tabled finally until 2006. But I just have not seen it for the last few years, so I am wondering whether that is still occurring. I am thinking that you are thinking 'not'. Ms Paul—I am thinking that I am thinking that it is, and I will go and check. It is important. You are right; I have not seen it either. I will check it out; it is important. There was always the problem with the lag. Senator CROSSIN—Yes, there was. Ms Paul—We will check it out.

Answer

The last National Report to Parliament on Indigenous Education and Training tabled was in 2008 for the 2006 calendar year. Similar reports are required for 2007 and 2008 and both reports are in the final stages of development. The timeframe for preparation of these reports is typically long as it is essential that the wide range of data is collected and appropriately verified as it becomes available. The 2007 report has taken a longer time than usual to finalise as it required, for the first time, additional verification and review steps to align it with new 'Closing the Gap' reporting and data sources arising under the National Indigenous Reform Agreement.