

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011–2012**

Outcome 2 - Schools

DEEWR Question No.EW0205_12

Senator Nash provided in writing.

Question

Indigenous Supplementary Assistance (ISA)

ISCA states the remote loading on the Indigenous Supplementary Assistance for schools with more than 50 boarding students will help, but it is not a complete solution. It also noted the funding review that's underway however says schools are being significantly impacted by the changed funding arrangements in 2008 and cannot wait a further three years before the issue is addressed.

- Does the govt/dept acknowledge this?

Answer

The Department does not accept that schools have been adversely affected by the changed Indigenous funding arrangements from 2009.

The Government's election commitment to provide the higher (remote) rate of Indigenous Supplementary Assistance to non-remote boarding schools with more than 50 Indigenous boarding students from remote communities will result in significant additional funding of \$2537 (primary) and \$2435 (secondary) for each of these students.

This commitment will ensure that boarding schools are better able to serve the needs of Indigenous boarding students from remote communities who are among the most disadvantaged in the country.