

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 2  
**Output Group:** 2.4 Funding for Higher Education

#### DEST Question No. E487\_04

Senator Crossin asked on 6 November 2003. EWRE Hansard page 111.

#### **Question:**

Can you provide us, as soon as possible, with the arrangements for the calculations and the payment of the Indigenous Support Fund and what they will mean for each and every institution around the country?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Indigenous Support Funding (ISF)*

The annual allocation of ISF is approximately \$25 million with the allocation indexed each year with the higher education cost adjustment factor. ISF will be increased by \$10.4 million over 3 years from 2005.

With the exception of Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE), payments of ISF are made to institutions through a performance-based formula. BIITE receives a block ISF grant, based on a higher per capita rate in consideration of the particular circumstances of BIITE students.

Arrangements for the calculation and payment of ISF provide for the amount to be received by BIITE being identified, and the funding to be received by each eligible provider is then calculated using the performance-based formula agreed with the sector. Core components of the formula are:

- 50 per cent of available funding is divided among institutions according to institutions' share of Indigenous student load i.e. Equivalent Full-time Students Units (EFTSU);
- 35 per cent of available funding is divided among institutions based on Indigenous student progress rate at the institution in the previous year weighted by Indigenous load; and
- 15 per cent of available funding is divided among institutions according to the actual number of award courses completed by Indigenous students in the previous year at the institution.

The actual amounts to be received by each institution in 2004 are at **Attachment A**.

## ATTACHMENT A

## Indigenous Support Funding 2004 - Allocations

## Institution

2004 (\$'000)

<b>New South Wales</b>	
Charles Sturt University	\$ 1 039
Macquarie University	\$ 495
Southern Cross University	\$ 527
University of New England	\$ 573
University of New South Wales	\$ 353
University of Newcastle	\$ 1 044
University of Sydney	\$ 1 157
University of Technology, Sydney	\$ 883
University of Western Sydney	\$ 638
University of Wollongong	\$ 497
<b>Victoria</b>	
Deakin University	\$ 873
La Trobe University	\$ 302
Monash University	\$ 341
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	\$ 119
Swinburne University of Technology	\$ 79
University of Melbourne	\$ 582
University of Ballarat	\$ 50
Victoria University of Technology	\$ 122
<b>Queensland</b>	
Central Queensland University	\$ 793
Griffith University	\$ 929
James Cook University	\$ 983
Queensland University of Technology	\$ 1 102
University of Queensland	\$ 860
University of Southern Queensland	\$ 477
University of the Sunshine Coast	\$ 79
<b>Western Australia</b>	
Curtin University	\$ 1 714
Edith Cowan University	\$ 1 157
Murdoch University	\$ 462
University of Western Australia	\$ 519
<b>South Australia</b>	
Flinders University of South Australia	\$ 332
University of Adelaide	\$ 408
University of South Australia	\$ 689
<b>Tasmania</b>	
University of Tasmania	
	\$ 833
<b>Northern Territory</b>	
Northern Territory University	\$ 522
Batchelor Institute (a)	\$ 1 884
<b>Australian Capital Territory</b>	
Australian National University	\$ 228
University of Canberra	\$ 300

<b>National Institutions</b>	
Australian Catholic University	<b>\$ 866</b>
Australian Maritime College	<b>\$ 68</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 24 879</b>