

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 1

Output Group: 1.2 – Assistance for individuals including those with special needs

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Senator Crossin asked on 5 November 2003, EWRE Hansard pages 101-102

Question:

How many Commonwealth dollars under the Indigenous education programs go, per capita, to an Indigenous child attending a government school compared to an Indigenous child attending a non-government school?

Answer:

Indigenous funding on a per capita basis

Table 1 sets out the per capita rates used for calculating Supplementary Recurrent Assistance (SRA) entitlements under the Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programme (IESIP) for both non-Government and Government providers for the 2003 funding year.

Table 1

IESIP Supplementary Recurrent Assistance Per Capita Rates 2003	Non- government	Government
	\$	\$
Preschool Remote	2,184	655
Preschool Non-Remote	1,092	328
Primary Remote	2,184	655
Primary Non-Remote	1,092	328
Junior Secondary Remote	3,277	874
Junior Secondary Non-Remote	1,638	437
Senior Secondary Remote	3,604	1,092
Senior Secondary Non-Remote	1,802	546
VET Remote	3,604	1,092
VET Non-Remote	1,802	546

In an endeavour to answer the question, Table 2 sets out a hypothesised average per capita payment made under IESIP. The hypothesised average has been derived simply by identifying the total IESIP funding going to each of the education sectors and dividing by the number of eligible students funded in that sector for both non-Government and Government providers. A derived average per capita payment under the Away-From-Base for Mixed-Mode Delivery component of IESIP is also included. A number of national projects not directly attributable to specific sectors have been excluded from this hypothesis and the underpinning suppositions have been applied in respect of IESIP only. The Indigenous

Education Direct Assistance (IEDA) programme and Abstudy do not lend themselves to such hypothesis, as entitlements generally accrue to individuals regardless of education sector.

Table 2

Allocation 2003	Non-Government	Government
	Australia Per Capita \$	Australia Per Capita \$
IESIP		
Preschool	2,428	844
School		
Primary	1,981	541
Secondary	3,245	806
VET	4,511	975
Away From Base		
VET	3,020	2,356
Higher Education	3,506	3,649