

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

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Output Group: 1.2 and 2.5

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

New Indigenous Youth Programmes

Please provide detail of the administrative guidelines that will apply to the two new Indigenous Youth programs – the Leadership Programme and the Mobility Programme. Please explain the consultation process with Indigenous groups that preceded the introduction of these programmes. Which groups and individuals were consulted?

Please provide an estimate of the number of school students who will benefit annually with scholarships to boarding schools under the Leadership programme. Please explain the assumptions underlying this estimate – including the level of school and boarding fees per student.

Please provide a breakdown of the various aspects of each programme, and funding for each.

Answer:

Pending finalisation of the procurement processes, the development of Requests for Tender and their expected release by end March 2005, it is premature to comment in detail on the Indigenous Youth Leadership or Indigenous Youth Mobility Programmes. However, the following information is provided.

Indigenous Youth Leadership Programme

The Indigenous Youth Leadership Programme (IYLP) was announced as a 2004 election commitment. The commitment is to provide \$10 million over a four year period for 250 school and university based scholarships of two, three and four years duration, and structured study tours, to be administered by a non-metropolitan higher education institution. The IYLP will be supported by an Indigenous Elders' Advisory Group. The programme mainly targets Indigenous students from remote areas.

Budget Allocations

2004-5	2005-6	2006-7	2007-8
\$1 million	\$3 million	\$3 million	\$3 million

Indigenous Youth Mobility Programme

The Indigenous Youth Mobility Programme provides \$19 million over four years to assist 600 young Indigenous people from remote areas of Australia to access training and employment opportunities in major provincial centres or capital cities. Participants will have access to a support team. The programme emphasises continued contact with home communities. Safe and supported accommodation will be provided through Aboriginal Hostels Limited.

Budget Allocations

2004-5	2005-6	2006-7	2007-8
\$7 million	\$4 million	\$4 million	\$4 million