

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1

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

DEST Question No. E543_06 - Final

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

I have had calls and emails from plenty of schools in the Northern Territory and **NOT ONE** of them has had anywhere near as much funding this year as they had last year under ASSPA – for example Tennant Creek High School down by around \$34,000, Laynhapuy Homeland schools had \$38,000 last year but none to early October in 2005, Moulden Park Primary down by thousands and had let several past tutors and Aboriginal workers go. Can you explain this in relation to what I recall was said at last estimates that funds distributed to April/May in 2005 were comparing favourably to 2004. Could you in fact tell us how much ASSPA funding was disbursed in 2004 to each of those three schools as against how much has been disbursed under PSPI to end of Sep 2005?

Answer:

ASSPA and PSPI funding at Tennant Creek High School, Laynhapuy Homeland Schools, Moulden Park Primary School

In 2004, Aboriginal Student Support and Parent Awareness (ASSPA) funding in the Northern Territory totalled \$3,350,000. Up to Round 4 in 2005, the Whole of School Intervention Strategy (WoSI) approvals in the Northern Territory totalled \$4,562,850.65 an additional \$1.21 million more, or a 36% increase, over the previous ASSPA allocation for the Northern Territory.

An additional \$5,931,068.77 was also approved for Round 5 in December for projects in the Northern Territory to commence in 2006.

As at 31 December 2005, payments made to providers under the WoSI programme in the Northern Territory totalled \$3.496 million, some 4.3% more than payments made to ASSPA Committees in 2004.

The following table outlines the amount of ASSPA funds disbursed to the three schools, Tennant Creek High School, Laynhapuy Homeland Schools (now known as Yirrkala Homelands School after Mr Laynhapuy's death and funded under Nambara Schools Council) and Moulden Park Primary School, in 2004 and how much has been approved, including Round 5 under the WoSI.

Name of Organisation	2004 ASSPA Funding	2005 Funding - Parent School Partnerships Initiative (PSPI) and Homework Centres (HWC)				2005 WoSI Funding Totals
		Rounds 1 - 4		Round 5		
		PSPI	HWC	PSPI	HWC	
Tennant Creek High School	\$51,660	\$9,000	Nil	\$10,000	Nil	\$19,000
Laynhapuy Homeland Schools	\$47,770 <i>(funded under Yirrkala Outstation Schools)</i>	\$49,750	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$49,750 <i>(funded under Nambara Schools Council)</i>
Moulden Park Primary School	\$21,670	Nil	\$40,400	\$24,000	\$55,200	\$119,600