

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. E554_06

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

Minbud 38/05 deals with the \$8.7 million for Tutorial Support for Indigenous students – a program due to commence in 2006 – is this correct? It is to provide tuition to Indigenous students leaving their community to attend school. If it is to start in 2006, where is it now at in terms of planning, provision of information or guidelines to people or schools? Will it in fact commence at the start of next school year?

Answer:

Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS) Remote Indigenous Students (RIS) programme

Subject to the appropriation of funding through amendments to the *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000*, the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS) Remote Indigenous Students (RIS) programme will be ready to commence at the start of the 2006 school year.

ITAS RIS Tuition guidelines and applications for funding have been approved for dissemination to schools authorities and independent schools.