

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. E557_06 – Final

Question:

Finally, in an article “Parents of black truants to lose cash” (Australian, Thursday 13th October, page 5) we read that the Minister is impressed by and seeking Cabinet endorsement for Indigenous parents to lose welfare payments if they fail to send their kids to school. Has DEST had any involvement in the stated trial of this idea at Halls Creek? –
Senator Crossin

Answer:

Halls Creek Attendance Action Group

The Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) was represented on the Halls Creek Attendance Action Group. This Group was established in 2005 by Halls Creek District High School and the Shire of Halls Creek to keep key stakeholders informed of progress being made with the trial.

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) notified DEST in mid-December 2005 about its evaluation of the Halls Creek trial and the intention to extend the trial at Halls Creek District High School in 2006.