

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

**Outcome:** 1

**Output Group:** 1.1 – Funding for schools

#### **DEST Question No. E590\_06 - Final**

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

Is there extra allowance made for remote schools bearing additional costs in mind?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Investing in Our Schools - Remote Funding*

For government schools, the same programme funding limits apply, irrespective of their geographical locality. As part of the communication strategy for this programme, brochures have been designed for schools in regional and remote locations to assist them in applying for grants. The Department is also monitoring the number of schools with high numbers of Indigenous students applying for and receiving IOSP grants, and DEST's Indigenous Education Officers may provide advice to the schools.

For non-government schools, there are two elements: small grants and large grants. No extra allowance is made for remote schools applying for small grants. However, Block Grant Authorities take remote location into consideration when considering applications for large grants.