

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 1

**Output Group:** 1.2 – Indigenous and Transitions Group

#### **DEST Question No. E657\_07**

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

The NTEU in a press release of 18 July states that one of the critical issues addressed in the IHEAC Report is the decline in Indigenous student commencements – numbers dropped significantly in 2000 and have fluctuated since. The Minister, in her speech said that in fact in 2005 the number of Indigenous higher education students declined by nearly 6% (5.9%). Can you give any indication of what has happened to Indigenous HE student numbers this year, 2006?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Indigenous Higher Education Student Numbers*

The Department expects to release the 2006 First Half Year Student numbers in February 2007 and 2006 Full Year Student data in August 2007. Both sets of data will have figures for Indigenous student numbers and Equivalent Full Time Student Load.