

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

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Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

In the IHEAC report the Council asked that government and universities develop a concerted strategy to raise the level of Indigenous participation. What discussions if any have occurred to date with universities and/or AVCC to this end?

Answer:

Indigenous Participation

The Minister met with the Australian Vice Chancellors' Committee (AVCC) and the Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council on 12 July 2006 to discuss strategies to raise the level of Indigenous participation in higher education.

On 18 July 2006, the Minister launched the IHEAC's 2005 conference report and strategic directions plan for 2006-2008 and announced funding of \$1.73 million to implement the recommendations of IHEAC.

The AVCC released its response to the IHEAC report and also made a presentation on its response at the IHEAC conference on Indigenous higher education on 18-19 September 2006.