

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

**Outcome:** 1  
**Output Group:** 1.2

#### **DEST Question No. E694\_07**

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

Following the major changes to funding to the PSPI and Whole of School arrangements, and the abolition of ASSPA we had enormous hearsay evidence of Indigenous parents dropping out of any involvement in schools. Have you any figures on schools with Indigenous parent groups still involved in schools in 2006?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Involvement of Indigenous Parents with Schools*

Parents of Indigenous students and Indigenous communities are encouraged to be active participants in partnership with schools in the development, implementation and evaluation of initiatives under the Whole of School Intervention Strategy (WoSI). To be considered for funding, initiatives must clearly demonstrate the involvement of parents of Indigenous students and Indigenous communities in their development.

Since the introduction of WoSI in 2005, over 2 800 projects have been approved. The initiatives have been developed through partnerships between parents of Indigenous students, communities, and schools (or other organisations).