

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

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

#### DEST Question No. E697\_07

Senator Crossin written request

#### Question:

In answer to question E016\_07 from May 2006 you provided a table of expenditure ( see attached) in which it appears that spending under the Indigenous Education ( Targeted Assistance) Act actually reduces between 2005/06 and 2006/07 from \$341,738 to \$332,359. You may have answered this question in other answers but can you confirm these figures and tell me why the reduction?

#### Answer:

*Reduction in Indigenous Education Expenditure*

	<b>Estimate d Actual</b>	<b>Budget Estimate</b>	<b>Difference between 05- 06 and 06-07</b>
	<b>2005-06 \$'000</b>	<b>2006-07 \$'000</b>	
<b>Outcome 1.2</b> <i>Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000</i>	341,738	332,359	(9,379m)

This variation across the years is predominately due to the delays in the States/Territories signing the 2005-2008 funding agreements. As a result expenses were recognised later than originally estimated thereby inflating the 2005-06 expenses and creating the perception of a reduction in funding. However, it is really just a reflection of a timing adjustment in the recognition of expenses.