

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2007-08 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome 5

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Senator Bernardi provided in writing.

Question

Youth Summit

In a media release on 18 February 2008, Minister Ellis announced the 2020 Youth Summit to take place in April.

In the Media release Minister Ellis stated: "...the 2020 Youth Summit would bring together 100 young people from around Australia in Canberra to discuss the 10 critical areas on the agenda for discussion at the Australia 2020 summit... Ten participants from Youth 2020 plus the youth summit co-chair, Hugh Evans, will be invited to attend Australia 2020, further strengthening young Australians' input into this important forum on the future of the nation."

1. What is the expected cost of the 2020 Youth Summit?
2. How will the 100 young Australians be chosen for the Summit?
3. Are there provisions in place to ensure that a certain number of young Indigenous people are chosen?
4. Will accommodation be provided for these young people for the duration of the Summit? At what cost to the Government?
5. Will return flights be provided for these young people to attend the Summit? At what cost to the Government?

Answer

1. Excluding departmental salaries, the cost of the Youth 2020 Summit is estimated at \$340,000.
2. An assessment strategy was developed based on the models previously used to select candidates for the *Youth Roundtable* and the *Ship for World Youth*. These established models provide a fair and equitable selection process that ensures the best applicants from a wide cross-section of young Australians will be able to contribute to Youth 2020 Summit.

A shortlist of 250 applications was provided to the Youth 2020 Summit Steering Committee to select the final 100 successful candidates. The Steering Committee was asked to consider applicants' knowledge and interest in the topics to be discussed, and assess which candidates would best contribute to the Summit overall.

3. Yes, the assessment strategy has ensured a geographical and demographic balance across the 100 successful delegates – this included consideration of applicants' location, age, gender and Indigenous or Culturally Diverse background.

4. Yes. The estimated cost is \$36,000.

5. Yes. The estimated cost is \$96,000.