

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2010-2011**

**Outcome 2 – Schools**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0847\_11**

**Senator Nash provided in writing.**

**Question**

**INDIGENOUS STUDENTS**

The ABS estimates that the attainment rates for indigenous students are significantly lower than that for the total population. In 2009, the rate was just 44.9 per cent for indigenous students. Given that states such as Queensland and the Northern Territory have a higher indigenous population, will these states be required to meet the same targets to receive a reward payment?

**Answer**

Under the National Partnership on Youth Attainment and Transitions, the reward funding is based on the achievement of participation attainment targets for all young people, including Indigenous young people.

States and Territories will monitor and report on Indigenous participation annually, noting that this will not be taken into account for reward payments but as a progress measure towards achieving the halving the gap target.