

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2007-2008 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

#### Outcome

#### DEST Question No. E168\_08

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

#### Question:

1. In answer to question on notice E701\_07 regarding Community festivals you stated that 2007 was a transitional year and there would be at least seven festivals. How many of these have been held to date and where?
2. Where are others planned or are you still in the process of planning?
3. In that answer you say the seven festivals will be with the current provider. Who is this, still Indigenous Festivals?
4. Do the funds only provide travel and accommodation assistance for students to attend festivals?
5. Applications only come from schools or organisations, but not individuals, is that correct?
6. Where does other funding come from for the festival organiser to meet the costs of running the event?

#### Answer:

#### *Community Festivals*

- 1 & 2. Festivals are held in the second half of the calendar year. The festival contractors have proposed a programme for 2007 as follows:
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|----|-----------------|-----|------------------------|
| a. | Thursday Island | QLD | 17 – 19 July           |
| b. | Derby           | WA  | 07 – 09 August         |
| c. | Mullewa         | WA  | 14 – 16 August         |
| d. | Port Augusta    | SA  | 04 – 06 September      |
| e. | Kempsey         | NSW | 18 – 20 September      |
| f. | Dubbo           | NSW | 25 – 27 September; and |
| g. | Shepparton      | VIC | 16 – 18 October        |
3. Yes. The service provider is Indigenous Festivals Australia Pty Ltd.
  4. No. Indigenous Festival Australia has received a funding contribution for the planning, development and production of the festivals in conjunction with schools and communities. The Australian Government also provides \$250,000 nationally as a contribution towards meeting student travel and accommodation costs to attend festivals.
  5. Applications for travel and assistance come from legal entities that may be schools, Indigenous community groups, state government agencies or educational institutions. Eligible students are those who have a minimum of 85 % attendance rate in the previous school term.

6. The festival organisers also secure funding contributions including: state, territory and local governments, businesses and corporate and philanthropic organisations.