

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

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

**Outcome 2 - Schools**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0077\_11**

**Senator Mason provided in writing.**

**Question**

**IFG PAYMENTS**

"Can the Department provide:

- a) The break-down of IFG payments paid to each State or Territory under Part 4, Division 10, Section 71 of the Schools Assistance Act 2008 and the amount that remained unspent or unallocated from the \$5.5 million IFG cap for 2009 by each State or Territory.
- b) The total amount of IFG payments the Department anticipates will be allocated to schools from the \$4.5 million IFG cap for 2010.
- c) The data the Department used to calculate an entitlement to the IFG for each school in 2009 and 2010.
- d) A list of schools that have been refused, or could be refused, the IFG on the same or similar grounds to Kormilda College, and the numbers of Indigenous students from each school that have been, or could be, so affected in 2009 and 2010 and 2011."

**Answer**

a) **IFG expenditure in 2009**

NSW	\$585,846
Vic	\$259,104
Qld	\$658,497
WA	\$788,127
SA	\$101,464
NT	\$2,684,834
Total	\$5,077,872
IFG 2009 allocation*	\$5,500,000
Unallocated Balance	\$ 422,128

No IFG payments were made in respect of Tasmanian or ACT schools.

\* Note that the IFG allocation is not state based.

- b) It is estimated that \$1,481,652 in Indigenous Funding Guarantee payments will be spent in 2010.
- c) The data used by the Department to calculate the Indigenous Funding Guarantee covers only those schools and systems that received Indigenous

Education funding in 2008 and includes the amounts received for that year for mainstream non-government recurrent funding and Indigenous Education funding. This funding formed the base year of the calculation of the Indigenous Funding Guarantee. For schools in scope, funding amounts for Indigenous Supplementary Assistance and mainstream recurrent funding paid in any of the years 2009-12 forms determines whether the guarantee comes into effect.

- d) No schools have been refused the IFG. The situation in which schools believe that they have been disadvantaged by the new arrangements has since been reviewed by the Minister for Education. As a result, schools which consider that they have been disadvantaged in per capita terms with the IFG, will have the option of having their IFG calculated on a per capita basis to the end of the quadrennium period.