

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

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

Outcome 2 - Schools

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Senator Mason asked on 21/10/2010, Hansard page 37.

Question

AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Ms Wall—No money has been taken from this program. All the funding committed for this program will be paid to this program, but my understanding is that last year there was an underspend elsewhere and that funding was directed to payments under this program, which freed some money that was then directed to the—

Ms Paul—Would you like us to take it on notice and give you the trail of that?

Senator MASON—It is all too much for me, Ms Wall.

Ms Paul—The short story is: there is no diminution of effort on this program.

Senator MASON—Right. That is the key to it, Ms Paul. So for this particular program, the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation scholarships, there is no, to use your word, 'diminution' of money?

Ms Wall—Absolutely not.

Senator MASON—Could you take on notice to give me the flow or—what was your word, Ms Paul?

Ms Paul—The trail.

Senator MASON—The 'trail', Ms Wall.

Senator BOYCE—The money trail.

Ms Wall—Sure.

Answer

The Government committed to providing \$20 million to the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation from 2009-10 to 2011-12. The Foundation will receive this funding in full.

The Foundation is funded under Program 2.3 *Schools Support*. In 2009, the Government brought forward \$9.5 million from the 2009-10 Australian Indigenous Education Foundation budget for expenditure in 2008-09.

As a consequence of re-phasing \$9.5 million of the 2009-10 Foundation budget to be expended in 2008-09, the Foundation had \$9.5 million in uncommitted funds in 2009-10.

These uncommitted funds were subsequently committed to a range of projects which aligned with the objectives of Program 2.3 *Schools Support*, including \$2 million to support the No School No Play initiative.

Table 1 shows the original Foundation budget, and the revised AIEF budget after the funding was re-phased.

**Table 1: Australian Indigenous Education Foundation budget
2008-09 to 2011-12 (original and revised)**

	2008-09 (\$m)	2009-10 (\$m)	2010-11 (\$m)	2011-12 (\$m)	Total (\$m)
Original Budget	0	12.5	2.5	5	20
Revised Budget	9.5	3	2.5	5	20