

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Senator McKenzie provided in writing.

Question

Working on Country program

"How will funding be distributed for the Working on Country program? Will it be by per capita, by student, by state, by school, etc or by any other model? Will there be additional weighting/criteria in funding formulae for regional schools, those teaching in regional classrooms or those students who reside in regional areas? "

Answer

The Indigenous Ranger Cadetship pilot, formerly known as the "Working on Country Indigenous Ranger Cadetship", was announced as part of the 2011-12 Budget, with \$4.1 million over three years to develop Indigenous Ranger Cadetships in regional and remote communities as part of Government's Building Australia's Future Workforce.

Funding for the Indigenous Ranger Cadetship pilot will be determined on a school basis and is targeted specifically at regional and remote schools. Funding contracts will be established with the legal entities responsible for the schools involved in the Indigenous Ranger Cadetship pilot.