

**Question on notice no. 10**

**Portfolio question number: SQ24-000010**

**2023-24 Additional estimates**

**Education and Employment Committee, Education Portfolio**

**Senator Dorinda Cox:** asked the Department of Education on 15 February 2024—

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Please see PDF attachment.

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#### **Outcome: Schools**

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##### **Answer**

Each year the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation (AIEF) publishes its Annual Retention and Year 12 Completion Rate in its Annual Report. In its most recent report, for 2022, the reported retention rate is 95%. The reported retention rate includes students in Year 7–11 who completed the year and completions of Year 12.

This data indicates a small number of AIEF scholarship students have left an AIEF Partner School without completing that year. This may be for a range of reasons, including not meeting scholarship conditions.

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