

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.4 – Funding for higher education

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Senator Crossin tabled on 4 June 2003.

Question:

What is the process of establishing the Indigenous Higher Education Council, including the timeline? Who will be eligible to be a member and what will the process for selection and/or appointment of the members?

Answer:

Establishment of the Indigenous Higher Education Council

The Terms of Reference for the Council including membership, meetings, objectives/desired outcomes, costs will be done in consultation with key Indigenous stakeholders and agreed by the Minister, the Hon. Dr Brendan Nelson.

The process will be completed as soon as possible with the Council being established in the latter half of 2003.

The eligibility and process for selection and/or appointment of members is yet to be determined.

Funding for the Council is dependent on an appropriation which is part of the new legislation being put before Parliament.