EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 1

Output Group: 1.2 Assistance for individuals including those with special needs

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Senator Crossin asked on 3 June 2003. EWRE Hansard page 252.

Question:

Could you give me a breakdown in those forward estimates of the different programs, to the best that you can, under those amounts, bearing in mind that at this stage there is no actual confirmation that the NIELNS program will continue beyond June 2004. Is it possible to do that with those forward estimates?

As Mr Greer has pointed out, we can disaggregate it in two ways; one is the Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programme. We have some estimates for that. And then there is the IESIP away from base. They are the two ways we can split it at the moment. We can provide those to you, but I do not think we can break it down any more than that at this point. Would you like us to pass those through to you?

Yes, that would be fine.

Answer:

Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programme (IESIP) forward estimates

The attached table outlines the Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programme (IESIP) forward estimates. A new Strategic Policy Proposal is currently being developed which may impact on the operation of IESIP in the new quadrennium. It is not yet clear which elements of IESIP will continue into the new quadrennium in their current form. Estimates for the Supplementary Recurrent Assistance (SRA) element of IESIP indicate that, if this element continues in its current form, it will constitute an increasingly significant proportion of IESIP funds expended. Continued enrolment growth is a feature of IESIP. Available estimates currently extend to 2007.

IESIP Estimates	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
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IESIP Funds	141,622	145,595	145,201	149,154	152,436
Away From Base	25,346	25,944	26,588	27,255	27,945
Total	166,968	171,359	171,789	178,415	180,381
SRA Estimate	111,155	119,158	127,737	136,934	146,793
SRA % IESIP Funds	78%	82%	88%	92%	96%
Funds for Projects	30,467	26,437	17,463	12,220	5,643
including NIELNS					