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DEEWR Question No. EW0346_10

Senator MacDonald asked on Wednesday 3 June 2009, EEWR Hansard page 89.

Question

Funding for Indigenous students in North Queensland schools

Senator MacDonald outlined that amendments to the Schools Assistance Bill were included because of concerns expressed by stakeholders, including those from the Queensland Catholic Education Commission, regarding funding for Indigenous students from remote areas attending schools in non-remote areas.

Under the new legislation what funding has been provided to particular schools per student and in a global sense?

Answer

As indicated in the answer to EW0345_10, there was no funding automatically provided under the Amendment.

In respect of funding to the Queensland Catholic Education Commission, in 2008, the Commission received $7,974,408 in Indigenous program funding compared to $8,104,450 in Indigenous Supplementary Assistance for 2009 (initial 2008 rates). This represents an increase of $130,042 in funding between 2008 and 2009.