Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

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Question

SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE ACT 2008

The Schools Assistance Act 2008, Part 4, Division 9, section 69 (1A) refers to regulations which may calculate an amount of additional assistance for each Indigenous student from a remote or very remote area who attends a non-remote school.

- (a) How does the Department determine whether a school is eligible for funding under this provision of the Act and
- (b) can the Department provide the names of the schools that are entitled to receive this funding?

Answer

Part 4, Division 9, section 69 (1A) of the Schools Assistance Act 2008has been included as a provision for additional assistance for Indigenous students from remote areas attending schools in non-remote areas, if required. At this point the Government has not exercised this provision.