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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Funding

What are the instructions to the states and territories in the event of the money for ITAS being returned by the nominated school to the state/territory education department in the event of the money not been spent?

Answer

From 1 January 2009, funding previously provided under ITAS to state and territory government authorities has been rolled into allocations provided through the Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations (in support of the National Education Agreement). Similarly, funding previously provided under ITAS for non-government authorities has been consolidated with five other Indigenous programs to form Indigenous Supplementary Assistance which is provided for under the Schools Assistance Act 2008. Commonwealth funds are to be used to achieve the targets and outcomes contained in agreements with the Commonwealth, which include closing the gaps in literacy and numeracy outcomes for Indigenous Australians.