

## Estimates Committee 2003 Questions Taken On Notice

( 01/10/2002 to 01/10/2004 )

Date: 06/25/2003 Output:  
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Subject: Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Program (IESIP) Funding for the Non-Government Sector

**From:** Mr MILLS to Honourable Syd STIRLING  
Minister for Employment Education and Training

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**Question:** Funding to the non-government sector has decreased by 4.1% in this budget due to an under-spend transferred to the 2002-03 budget. I ask the Minister to investigate the status of IESIP funding and its relationship to this issue - which is, in fact, resulting in a reduction in funding in real terms.

**Answer:**  
Answered On: 06/27/2003  
Answer: Commonwealth IESIP funding is paid directly to the non-government school sector and DEET is unable to provide comment on the status of this funding.

However, if an underspend from one financial year is transferred to the following financial year, that budget will be increased by the amount of the transferred underspend. Comparing this increased budget to next financial year's budget may give the impression that funding has reduced.