

**Estimates Committee 2012**  
**Questions Taken On Notice**

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Subject: Indigenous Education

**From:**Mr Gerry Wood to Dr Chris Burns  
Education and Training

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**Question:** Minister, how many of the 118 recommendations of the NT Indigenous Education Council have been acted on?

**Answer:**

Answered On: 19/07/2012

**Minister:** MINISTER BURNS  
**Portfolio:** MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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### Question on Notice 4.10

**Mr WOOD:** Minister, how many of the 118 recommendations of the NT Indigenous Education Council have been acted on?

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### ANSWER:

In 2008, the NT Indigenous Education Council (NTIEC) made a total of 51 recommendations to the Education Minister at the time, Ms Marion Scrymgour.

In 2009 and 2010, a total of 56 recommendations were sent to both local and federal education ministers. The Northern Territory Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) State Manager advised the NTIEC to consolidate and prioritise these 56 recommendations. The 56 recommendations were condensed to 11 recommendations for 2009 and 2010 when the amendments were made.

Therefore the NTIEC has made 62 recommendations in total to the local and federal education ministers.

In 2008, the NTIEC recommendations were actioned or dealt with in the following way:

1. Recommendations 1-6 were largely internal to the NTIEC and required no response or action from the Department of Education and Training.
2. Recommendations 7-42 were either actioned, referred to the appropriate federal agency or other NT Government agency or discussed further with the NTIEC.
3. Recommendations 43-51 have either been achieved over time or subsumed into bigger policy changes that have occurred since that time. A small number of recommendations related to specific schools and issues within those schools.

In 2009 and 2010, the NTIEC received responses for all 11 recommendations. From these 11 recommendations, 11 have been acted on.