

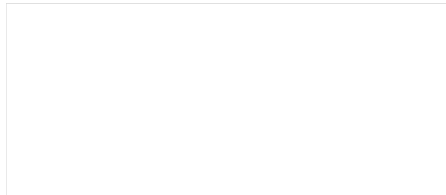
Question No : 259

Question : Kormilda College

Question Date : 23/02/93

Member : Mr BAILEY

To : MINISTER for EDUCATION and TRAINING



1. What forms of assistance has the Northern Territory government provided to Kormilda College during the following financial years -
 - (a) 1989-90;
 - (b) 1990-91;
 - (c) 1991-92; and
 - (d) 1992-93, to date.

2. What has been the per student capita rate per program for subsidies and grants to Kormilda College for the following financial years -
 - (a) 1989-90;
 - (b) 1990-91;
 - (c) 1991-92; and
 - (d) 1992-93, to date.

3. Has any of the assistance referred to in questions 1 and 2 been reduced in the last 3 financial years and the current financial year to date; if so, why.

ANSWER

1. Forms of assistance provided by the Northern Territory government to Kormilda College are -
 - (a) 1989-90
Capital Works Program
Recurrent Per Capita Program

Isolated Students' Education Allowance
Establishment Grant

- (b) 1990-91
Capital Works Program
Recurrent Per Capita Program
Isolated Students' Education Allowance
Establishment Grant
Aboriginal Education Program
- (c) 1991-92
Capital Works Program
Recurrent Per Capita Program
Isolated Students' Education Allowance
Establishment Grant
Aboriginal Education Program
Arts Grant Program
Grant-in-Aid Program
- (d) 1992-93
Capital Works Program
Recurrent Per Capita Program
Isolated Students' Education Allowance
Establishment Grant
Aboriginal Education Program

2. (d)	(a)	(b)		(c)
	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
	\$	\$	\$	\$ to
20.1.93				
Capital Works Prog	1587	1220	1439	330
Recurrent Per Capita	1957	1331	1256	*1476
Isolated Students' Education Allowance Establishment Grant	1381	1506	1308	772
Aborig. Educ. Prog.	1411	1507	679	200
Arts Grant Program	nil	1149	985	434
Grants-in-Aid	nil	nil	2	nil
nil		nil	5	5

NOTE: Schools operate according to calendar years, not financial years. The calculation to establish a per capita rate in accordance with the Question on Notice therefore averages out the figures over the respective financial years for

- (i) the enrolment numbers, and
- (ii) the annual rates for programs.

Calculations are also affected if payments 'roll over' from, say, June to July.

*This per capita amount is the total for 1992-93, as paid (excluding a small top-up amount to be paid if the 1993 per capita rate is struck at a higher rate than 1992).

3. The following assistance has been reduced -

(i) Capital Works Program, because:

the interest subsidy is reducing as the outstanding principal on the loan reduces, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Northern Territory Government's Capital Assistance Scheme.

(ii) Establishment Grant, because:

the establishment grant is reducing as the original agreement with the College described the phasing out of this grant in anticipation (correctly) that the College would increase in size and, therefore, increase its financial viability over the first five to six years of its operation.

(iii) Arts Grant and Grant-in-Aid, because:

these are 'one off' grants for specific projects.

BRIEFING NOTE TO EXPLAIN PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION
Capital Works Program	NT Government Capital Assistance Scheme: This scheme is common to all non-government schools and is project specific.
Recurrent Per Capita	NT government funds every non-government school student with about 20% of the delivery of education in government schools. (The rest of the school's income is derived from parent fees and Commonwealth per capita).
Isolated Students' Education Allowance	Unique to Northern Territory, this student allowance acknowledges the needs of isolated students and the high cost of provision of boarding in extra-curricula areas.

It is student specific.

Establishment

Grant

Usually a new non-government school receives a grant of \$10 000 to \$15 000 in its first year. Kormilda's large grant acknowledges the needs of Aboriginal education and the diseconomy of scale of its start-up years, as well as the expense to establish mainstream secondary courses through to Year 12.

Aboriginal Education Prog.

This is a Commonwealth program. The Northern Territory agreed to match their annual grant of \$400 000 in the 1990-92 triennium. (It is expected the grant will be continued for 1993-95). Yirara College is also receiving this level of funds from both governments.