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**INDIGENOUS EDUCATION (TARGETED ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 2005**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Education, Science and Training the Hon Dr Brendan Nelson MP)

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## **OUTLINE**

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000* to appropriate additional funding to provide Indigenous students from remote communities with tutorial support in their first year of schooling when they move to a non-remote location to continue their schooling, and to transfer transitional assistance funding for independent Indigenous vocational education and training providers to appropriations under the Skilling Australia's Workforce Bill 2005.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The Bill will decrease the appropriation under section 14A of the *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000* by a net \$3.7m over 2006 to 2008. This reflects an increase of \$7.2m for Indigenous school students leaving their community for education (fully funded from savings in other areas) and a transfer of \$10.9m to appropriations under the Skilling Australia's Workforce Bill 2005. These amounts are subject to supplementation as prescribed in the Act.

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## NOTES ON CLAUSES

### **Clause 1 - Short title**

Provides for the Act to be cited as the *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Act 2005*.

### **Clause 2 - Commencement**

Provides for the Act to commence on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

### **Clause 3 - Schedule(s)**

Provides that each Act that is specified in a Schedule is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule and that any other item in a Schedule has effect according to its terms.

## **Schedule 1 – Amendments**

### ***Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000***

#### **Item 1, 2 and 3**

Items 1, 2 and 3 amend the table in subsection 14A(1) of the *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000* (which sets out appropriations for non-ABSTUDY payments for the 2005-2008 quadrennium).

In table item 2, the amount “\$226,896,000” for the period starting on 1 January 2006 is omitted and replaced with “225,670,000”.

In table item 3, the amount “\$227,769,000” for the period starting on 1 January 2007 is omitted and replaced with “\$226,543,000”.

In table item 4, the amount “\$226,596,000” for the period starting on 1 January 2008 is omitted and replaced with “\$225,370,000”.