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**INDIGENOUS EDUCATION (TARGETED ASSISTANCE)  
AMENDMENT BILL 2010**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Education  
the Honourable Julia Gillard MP)

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## **OUTLINE**

The purpose of this Bill is to amend the *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000* (the IETA Act) to include additional appropriations announced in the 2009-10 Budget for the Sporting Chance program. The funding for the Budget measure Closing the Gap – Sporting Chance Program was included as an annual administered expense (Appropriation Act number 1).

The Bill will enable the Commonwealth to continue to exercise public leadership and maintain support for the achievement of improved Indigenous education outcomes, including meeting its responsibilities for the policy framework and priorities, engagement with stakeholders and investment in support of those outcomes.

The Bill will enable all the funding for the Sporting Chance Program to be administered under the IETA Act from 1 January 2010.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The Bill provides for the appropriation of nearly \$492m in final 2009 prices for non-ABSTUDY payments over the balance of the three periods from 1 January 2010 to 30 June 2013 as set out in Schedule 1. Appropriations transferred from Appropriation Act number 1 to the IETA Act total \$10.93m. In accordance with the Government's policy, these amounts will be adjusted for price movements.

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## **NOTES ON CLAUSES**

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

Clause 1 provides for the Act to be cited as the *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Act 2010*.

### **Clause 2 - Commencement**

Clause 2 provides that the *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Act 2010* will be taken to have commenced on 1 January 2010.

Retrospective commencement of the Act is considered necessary to bring the additional funding to expand the Sporting Chance announced in the 2009-10 Budget, in line with other appropriations for that program. The Sporting Chance program is one of the innovative measures to close the gaps funded through the Act to support improvements in Indigenous education outcomes.

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Provides that each Act that is specified in a Schedule is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule and that any other item in a Schedule has effect according to its terms.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

### Summary

This Schedule amends the table in subsection 14B(1) of the *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000* to include additional funding for the Sporting Chance program, in order to bring it into the Commonwealth's suite of targeted assistance measures and to adjust the 2010 to 2012 appropriations agreed as part of the new Federal Financial Relations Framework.

### Explanation of the changes

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

##### **Items 1, 2 and 3 – Subsection 14B(1) (table items 2, 3 and 4)**

Item 1, 2 and 3 amend the table in subsection 14B(1) of the *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000* to: increase appropriations for non-ABSTUDY payments to include additional funding for the Sporting Chance program to bring it into the Commonwealth's suite of targeted assistance measures; and to adjust the 2010 to 2012 appropriations agreed as part of the new Federal Financial Relations Framework.

The table in subsection 14B(1) of the *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000* sets out appropriations for non-ABSTUDY payments for the 2009-2013 quadrennium. The appropriations are base funding amounts (starting amounts) for four overlapping eighteen month appropriation periods from 1 January 2009 to 30 June 2013.

**Item 1** provides that the appropriation set out in table item 2 (which provides appropriations for the period 1 January 2010 to 30 June 2011) is increased from “\$163,778,000” to “\$167,058,000”.

**Item 2** provides that the appropriation set out in table item 3 (which provides appropriations for the period 1 January 2011 to 30 June 2012) is increased from “\$159,559,000” to “\$163,703,000”.

**Item 3** provides that the appropriation set out in table item 4 (which provides appropriations for the period 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2013) is increased from “\$157,731,000” to \$161,236,000”.