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**INDIGENOUS EDUCATION (TARGETED ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT (CAPE
YORK MEASURES) BILL 2007**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Education, Science and Training the Hon Julie
Bishop 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 facilitate the provision of improving opportunities for Indigenous students in the communities of Coen, Hope Vale, Aurukun and Mossman Gorge in the Cape York region of Queensland through:

- The embedding of the MULTILIT (Making Up for Lost Time in Literacy) teaching methodology in classrooms and in MULTILIT Tutorial Centres to enhance literacy teaching and improve the literacy levels of Indigenous students identified as requiring additional support; and
- Student Education Trusts (SETs), individual trust accounts which will enable parents/guardians and members of a child's extended family to save to support their child's education costs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Bill will increase the appropriation under section 14A of the *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000* by a net \$2.0 million over the 2008 programme year (in initial 2005 prices) to support the expansion of MULTILIT and Student Education Trusts in selected Cape York communities.

Additional funding of \$8.1 million approved for the years 2009-2012 will be appropriated through the legislation for the 2009-2012 Indigenous Education Quadrennium.

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 (Cape York Measures) Act 2007*.

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Provides that each Act that is specified in a Schedule is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule and that any other item in a Schedule has effect according to its terms.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 Subsection 14A(1) (table item 4)

Amends 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) to provide initial funding for the education components of the Cape York measures described in the Outline to this memorandum. **Item 1** provides that the appropriation set out in table item 4 (which provides appropriations for the period 1 January 2008 to 30 June 2009) is increased from “\$259,736,000” to “\$261,745,000”.