Inquiry into referred 2017–18 Annual and Financial Reports

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

06 November 2018

Asked by Mr Milligan:

In relation to: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarships

They were 16 applications but only four given, why?

Ms Yvette Berry: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

Selection of scholarships is based on merit. A total of $80,000 is available for the Tertiary Scholarship Program each year and Five scholarships were awarded in 2018.

The initial application process for the tertiary teaching and health scholarships involves a written application with short and long written responses to set questions and the submission of two referee reports. Shortlisted applicants are then required to attend a panel interview.

Sixteen applications for the Tertiary Scholarship were received with the panel shortlisting ten for interview. Out of the ten applicants interviewed, five were ranked outstanding with only half a point difference between the top three and the bottom two. The panel deemed that the top three applicants receive $18,000 with the other two recipients’ receiving $13,000.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Youth Affairs

Signature: [Signature] Date: 21/11/18

By the Minister for Education and early Childhood Development, Ms Yvette Berry