

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: Enhanced scientific knowledge supporting the protection and sustainable development of Australia's marine resources

Output Group: AIMS

DEST Question No. E747_04

Senator CARR asked on 18 February 2004, EWRE Hansard page 67

Question:

- (a) How many times has the Steering Committee met since it was established?
- (b) Can you provide me with the papers?

Answer:

Steering Committee meetings

- (a) The Steering Committee has met 5 times, as follows:

22 August 2003 – DEST Regional Office, Brisbane
1 October 2003 – DEST Regional Office, Brisbane
30 October 2003 – DEST Regional Office, Brisbane
5 December 2003 – DEST Regional Office, Brisbane
24 March 2004 – DEST Central Office, Canberra

- (b) The papers for the Steering Committee meetings relate to matters concerning the development of an agreement establishing the AIMS and JCU joint venture. Given that decisions have yet to be made by Government about the joint venture and that the papers form part of the record of the decision-making processes, it is inappropriate to release the documents at this stage.