

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

**Outcome:** 1  
**Output Group:** 1.1 – Funding for schools

#### **DEST Question No. E838\_04**

Senator Carr provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

##### *Skilling the Cradle Coast*

1. On 14<sup>th</sup> February 2004, the Prime Minister announced that the Commonwealth will contribute \$577,000 for promoting 'science and technology related subjects in schools in the Cradle Coast region' in Tasmania.

Please provide further information of this funding, including contributions from the state government.

2. Is this an initiative funded from EBA funds?
- If so, does this mean that the funding is not additional to government schools in Tasmania; but in effect a 're-branding' of general recurrent funds?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Prime Minister's announcement – 'Skilling the Cradle Coast Community for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century'*

1. According to the Prime Minister's speech of 14 February 2004, Australian Government funding for the 'Skilling the Cradle Coast Community for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century' initiative is provided under the Sustainable Regions Programme. The Department of Transport and Regional Services website describes the Sustainable Regions Programme as a major initiative under the 'Stronger Regions, A Stronger Australia' statement announced by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Transport and Regional Services, the Hon John Anderson MP, on 29 August 2001.

Further questions regarding this initiative should be directed to the Department of Transport and Regional Services.

2. No.