

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

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DEST Question No. E885_04

Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing.

Question:

What will be the process required by DEST for research agencies to show that they are implementing enhanced National Research Priorities?

Answer:

Process for implementing enhanced National Research Priorities

Research agencies and funding bodies will be required to review their implementation plans to take account of the recent enhancements to the national research priorities framework and submit their revised plans to the Government. The research agencies and funding bodies will also be required to report on their progress in implementing their plans, as amended.

A broadly based advisory committee will be established to review the strategies to implement the enhanced national research priorities and to assess overall progress made by research agencies and funding bodies in supporting the national research priorities initiative. The outcomes of this process will be reported to the Government.

Minister McGauran has written to relevant portfolio Ministers, and to heads of research agencies and funding agencies within the Education, Science and Training portfolio, advising them of these requirements.