

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

**Outcome:** 2

**Output Group:** 2.4 – Funding for higher education

#### **DEST Question No. E890\_04**

Senator Carr provided in writing

#### **Question:**

The May PBS says that you will begin allocation of the Collaborative and Structural reform Fund in 2004-05, with an allocation of \$6.5 million.

- a) When will that money be allocated?
- b) Your most recent BAF Newsletter says that the draft guidelines for this program will be released in April. What process has been followed in preparing the draft? Who has been consulted? When were consultations held?
- c) Are you on track to release these draft guidelines in early April? Can you provide a date?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Collaboration and structural reform fund*

- a) A funding round will be conducted in the second half of 2004 and successful applicants announced in late 2004. Funds will be available from 1 January 2005.
- b) Draft guidelines are being prepared for release and discussion, in consultation with areas within the Department. These draft guidelines will be published in the BAF newsletter in April 2004 and any interested parties given the opportunity to comment.
- c) We are on track to release draft guidelines in April 2004. No, a date has not yet been determined.