

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1

Output Group: 1.2 – Assistance to individuals including those with special needs

DEST Question No. E526_05

Senator Harradine asked on 16 February 2005, EWRE Hansard page 74.

Question:

Could the department provide us with copies of the material received from the states and territories on that particular matter?

Answer:

Sex Education Programmes

On 10 February 2005, the Minister for Education, Science and Training wrote to his State and Territory counterparts and the Catholic and Independent education jurisdictions seeking information on sex education programmes taking place in their relevant jurisdictions. This information can be provided to the Senate when it has been received and collated.

Given that decisions concerning resources and programmes used in schools are often made at the local school level, gathering this information is expected to take some time.