

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.4 – Funding for Higher Education

DEST Question No. E547_05

Senator Carr asked on 16 February 2005, EWRE Hansard page 127.

Question:

- a) Has there been any resolution to the lawsuit for damages against the VUT for \$48 million?
- b) I am interested in whether there have been any discussions about contingency plans, any proposal for an advance on the operating grant or any forms of loans or emergency assistance under the structural adjustment packages or any other funds that are available, should the university (Victorian Institute of Technology) be required to call upon the Commonwealth. Can you help me with that?

Answer:

Victorian University of Technology

- a) The matter is not yet resolved and is still before the Courts.
- b) The Department has not had any discussion with the University on contingency funding.