

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

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

#### **DEST Question No. E629\_05**

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

Has this project only started in WA?  
What have been the problems delaying the start in other states?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Pilot Tutorial Voucher Initiative*

An open tender was undertaken in July 2004 to identify brokers to administer the pilot Tutorial Voucher Initiative in each State and Territory. Once the *States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment Act 2004* was passed in December 2004, brokers were identified.

At the time of the February 2005 Additional Estimates Hearing, the broker for Western Australia was the only broker that had been announced, as they were the first broker to sign their Agreement.

Implementation of the Tutorial Voucher Initiative is progressing with brokers now announced by the Minister in four States :

- Western Australia: Group Training Australia (WA) Inc, announced on 2 February
- Victoria and Queensland: Progressive Learning, announced on 2 March
- South Australia - South Australian Department of Education and Children's Services, announced on 6 March.

We anticipate that details of Brokers in New South Wales, the ACT and Tasmania will be available later in March/April. Negotiations are continuing with the potential broker in the Northern Territory.