

## 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. E631\_05**

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

The information sheet states that where parents may have lost any documentary evidence of their child failing that test they should contact a hotline. Given that these tests were the ones for 2003 many parents would not now have such documentation. Is there an alternative?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Tutorial Voucher Initiative*

In accordance with the pilot Tutorial Voucher Initiative guidelines, participation in the pilot requires parents/caregivers to provide documentary evidence of their child's 2003 Year 3 national reading benchmark achievement. This documentary evidence is required by the relevant broker prior to the provision of a tuition voucher.

There are various ways that jurisdictions report to parents/caregivers against the national benchmarks. Likewise, there are different procedures in each State/Territory to have a child's reading benchmark achievement report re-issued.

The Tutorial Voucher Initiative hotline is able to advise parents/caregivers of the procedure to have a reading benchmark achievement report re-issued according to procedures in their State/Territory. Brokers are also able to advise parents/caregivers of the relevant procedure.