

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. E633_05

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

If jurisdictions do not get these program pilots up and running to expend the funds this year, what will happen to unspent funds?

Answer:

Tutorial Voucher Initiative

Under the *States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Act 2000*, once funds are committed to a specific purpose they will remain available for that purpose. The Department has some discretion to extend the period over which the pilot will run, however if a jurisdiction does not run the pilot in that period, any unexpended funds will be returned to programme funds.