

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

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Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

This pilot is to provide tuition to those students who failed the year three reading benchmark in 2003. By now those students will be entering year five and possibly still having problems. What is the plan to help those students if they are still having problems and fail the year 5 test?

Answer:

Tutorial Voucher Initiative

The Tutorial Voucher Initiative was introduced by the Australian Government as a pilot programme to assist parents of children who were below the Year 3 national reading benchmark in 2003. As the Initiative is a pilot, it is limited to this defined group of students.

The pilot will be independently evaluated this year. The evaluation will run concurrently with the pilot.

Any extension to the Initiative will be a matter for future consideration by the Australian Government.