

**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. E635\_05**

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

**Question:**

What help will be given to students who failed the year three reading test in 2004?

**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.