

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 1

Output Group: 1.2 – Assistance to individuals including those with special needs.

DEST Question No. E657_05

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

At Estimates in June 2004 (Hansard transcript June 1st EWRE Pg 162) we were told that 5 working groups were working on the new guidelines for IEDA – looking at accountability, In-class tuition for yrs 4, 6, 8 and so on – 5 groups were to produce draft guidelines by end of June then be provided to all stakeholders with whom you had been consulting. Was this done and with whom and when was it completed? Provide details of the five working groups.

Answer:

Working groups for the new guidelines for IEDA

Yes. Five working groups were convened during the period May to June 2004 to assist in the development of the Indigenous Education Provider Guidelines for 2005-2008. These working groups were the:

- Accountability Framework Working Group
- ITAS 4, 6 & 8 Working Group
- ITAS 10, 11 & 12 Working Group
- Whole of School Interventions Working Group
- ITAS Bulk Funding Working Group

These working groups comprised representatives from DEST State and Territory offices and national office.

An exposure draft of the Indigenous Education Programmes Guidelines Provider Guidelines was circulated for comment in late July and early August to a wide range of providers and peak bodies. Providers were invited to make comments on the Guidelines by 21 August 2004.