

## 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. E724\_05**

Senator Ridgeway provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

Have you heard comments from the Social Justice Commissioner and others that people who aren't signatories will not be legal bound to the contract? What has been your legal advice on how to overcome this?

#### **Answer:**

*Social Justice Commissioner*

No. However, it is understood that in commenting about the monitoring of the new arrangements for Indigenous Affairs before the Senate Select Committee on the Administration of Indigenous Affairs on 2 February 2005, the Social Justice Commissioner observed that the new arrangements are administrative arrangements and not legislative arrangements and that HREOC will be looking into the new arrangements from a human rights perspective to ensure people receive their just entitlements and are able to effectively and actively participate in the process.