

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. E726_05

Senator Ridgeway provided in writing.

Question:

Is it fair to look poorly upon a community which didn't fulfil the requirements of a previous SRA in the next round of offers, considering that this would disadvantage some members who perhaps didn't have anything to do with the previous SRA – for example people who had no children whose faces needed washing?

Answer:

Shared Responsibility Agreement

The Shared Responsibility Agreements negotiated in Murdi Paaki have been underpinned by the priorities identified by communities and the desire of the communities to achieve improved outcomes.

The COAG trial is premised on providing more flexible programs and services which are based on the priorities agreed with communities. The Shared Responsibility Agreements in Murdi Paaki are negotiated at a community level, with community endorsed community governance bodies (i.e. the Community Working Parties). The parties work together to address key issues and share responsibility for achieving better outcomes.