

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

**Outcome** 3  
**Output Group:** 3.3 – Support for the Australian education and training export industry and international relationships.

#### DEST Question No. E763\_05

Senator Carr provided in writing.

#### Question:

- a) Can DEST expand on the improvements made in exchange of information and intelligence gathering, within DEST and the international network, relating to regulation of international education?
- b) How have these activities been improved?
- c) Have extra staff been allocated to these activities? How many and at what levels?
- d) Have procedures or guidelines been altered? Which ones, and in what ways?

#### Answer:

##### *Internal communication and intelligence gathering*

- a) The key improvement made in relation to exchange of information and intelligence gathering is more regular communication and reporting between and across DEST groups and its international network on common operational and policy issues.
- b) More regular liaison focuses on areas of common interest such as notifying the international network of provider registrations, cancellations and suspensions on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) and encouraging information exchange on ESOS related regulatory matters.
- c) This improvement has not required extra staff. Improvements are the result of modification of work practices and identifying common areas of operational and policy interest. This ensures information is shared between these areas in a more focussed and regular way.
- d) No.