

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. E794_05

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Refers to DEST Question No. E147_05.

Question:

- (a) Can a copy of the detail of the New Zealand Government's new policy on international education be provided?
- (b) Has a study been undertaken of the implications for Australia of the new policy? What are they?

Answer:

New Zealand policy announcement on international education

(a) In May 2004, the New Zealand Government announced "Moving Forward in International Education", a \$40 million package to support a more strategic approach to international education which will be rolled out over the next 4 years. Details are published at <http://www.minedu.govt.nz/index.cfm?layout=document&documentid=9597&indexid=6664&independentid=6663>

The key points are:

- (1) Education diplomacy - \$7.5 million over 4 years

This component is made up of 4 education counsellor positions to strengthen long-term educational partnerships with key countries and regions. The first counsellor took up their post in Beijing on 1 August 2004. Education missions from New Zealand will be better resourced and the hosting of visiting foreign education delegations. Greater support will also be provided for closer education relationships with international bodies.

- (2) Building quality - \$14.8 million over 4 years

This funding will be utilised to strengthen international education quality through identifying best practice and providing more scholarship places for top international postgraduate and undergraduate students.

- (3) Developing and maintaining worldwide study links - \$10.7 million over 4 years

There will be increased opportunities for New Zealand students, teachers and researchers to undertake "study abroad" placements in priority areas such as information and communications technology, biotechnology, sciences, creative industries and languages.

- (4) Research and innovation - \$3.5 million over 4 years

Resources will be used to develop other options for international education, including satellite campuses, e-learning, off-shore courses and partnerships with local providers in other countries.

- (5) Strategic promotion and marketing - \$3.1 million over 4 years

Investigations will be undertaken to develop and diversify the range of markets for New Zealand's educational exports and to strengthen the national brand for New Zealand's international education services.

(b) No.