

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 3

Output Group: 3.2 – Assistance for science collaboration and innovation

DEST Question No. E1009_06

Senator Stephens provided in writing.

Question:

Please provide dates that all EAG advice was sent to the Minister (former and current), including the final advice. Did the minister make any changes to the advice before public release? Please provide any details of changes and dates of release.

Answer:

Research Quality Framework

- 22 March 2005 - Minister Nelson provided with the *Research Quality Framework: Assessing the quality and impact of research in Australia - Issues Paper* (released 29 March 2005)
- 17 May 2005 - Minister Nelson provided with the *Research Quality Framework: Assessing the quality and impact of research in Australia - Advanced Approaches Paper* (released 31 May 2005)
- 25 August 2005 - Minister Nelson provided with the *Research Quality Framework: Assessing the quality and impact of research in Australia – The Preferred Model Paper* (released 9 September 2005)
- 22 December 2005 - Minister Nelson provided with the *Research Quality Framework: Assessing the quality and impact of research in Australia – Final Advice on the Preferred RQF Model Paper*
- 1 February 2006 - Minister Bishop provided with the *Research Quality Framework: Assessing the quality and impact of research in Australia – Final Advice on the Preferred RQF Model Paper* (released 28 March 2006)

The EAG was established to provide expert advice to the Minister on the design of an RQF. Accordingly, the Minister did not make any changes to the EAG's advice.