

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. E1036_06

Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing.

Question:

Please provide details on the selection process for the Chief Scientist. Have potential candidates been discouraged by the role only being part-time?

Answer:

Selection Process for Chief Scientist

There is no indication that potential candidates were discouraged because of the appointment being part-time.

The position was advertised in the national press, (15 July 2005 in the Australian Financial Review, on 16 July in the Sydney Morning Herald, Weekend Australian, Canberra Times, and 26 July in the Bulletin). 31 applications were received.