

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 1

Output Group: 1.2 – Assistance for Individuals including those with special needs

DEST Question No. E1104_06

Senator Evans provided in writing.

Question:

On what dates did your department complete the *Indigenous Education Programmes Provider Guidelines 2005-2008* and make them available to education providers?

Answer:

Indigenous Education Programme Provider Guidelines 2005-2008

The *Indigenous Education Programme Provider Guidelines 2005-2008* were released in December 2004.

During 2004 and 2005 DEST ensured all providers were informed of the changes to the Indigenous Education programmes with the following efforts:

- Letters were mailed to Education Ministers, Departments of Education, Indigenous Education providers, peak organisations, Aboriginal Student Support and Parent Awareness (ASSPA) committees, school principals and registered tutors of Indigenous students regarding the changes.
- 100,000 information sheets were distributed by the Department to providers and the Indigenous communities to assist in their understanding of the reforms.
- 400 copies of the Guidelines were produced and distributed in hard copy and many more were emailed and accessed through the Department's internet site.

Advertisements were also placed in the National Indigenous Times and Deadly Vibe magazine specifically targeting the Indigenous community to increase their awareness of the changes.