EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 1 Output Group: ARC

DEST Question No. E853_06

Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing.

Questions:

- 1. What are the terms of reference for the Australian Research Council's Quality and Scrutiny Committee?
- 2. What is the role of the Quality and Scrutiny Committee?
- 3. Who are the members of the Quality and Scrutiny Committee and by what criteria were they chosen?
- 4. How does the Quality and Scrutiny Committee work in relation to the peer review process?
- 5. How much weighting does peer review have in determining grants allocation?

Answer:

ARC Quality and Scrutiny Committee

The ARC has provided the following response.

- 1. 4. At present there is no ARC Quality and Scrutiny Committee.
- 5. The allocation of ARC grants is determined according to funding rules which articulate the assessment processes including the role of peer review.