

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.2 – New Apprenticeships

DEST Question No. E905_06

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Refers to DEST Question No E448_06.

Questions:

Answer to question E448_06, stated that: “DEST has agreed to fund ACCI to deliver a new project. The new project will address industrial relations barriers to the take-up of New Apprenticeships. Funding was contingent upon the development and acceptance by DEST of a satisfactory project plan and negotiation of a funding contract. Total funding for this project is \$100,000 in 2005-06.”

- a) Was this project subject to a tender process? If not, why not?
- b) What is the scope of this project? What matters will be investigated?
- c) What is the final value and length of the contract?
- d) When is the report due to be handed to DEST?

Answers:

ACCI Project – Addressing Workplace Barriers to Training

- a) No. The funding provided met the requirements set out in the Department of Finance and Administration Discretionary Grants Guidelines.
- b) ACCI has been provided with funding to employ a workplace relations advisor to undertake work to address barriers in the federal and state industrial relations jurisdictions to the take up of the full range of New Apprenticeships.
- c) \$100,000 for a period of up to 9 months, or until 1 June 2006.
- d) 1 June 2006.