

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 3
Output Group: 3.3

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

TAS Review

1. Can you provide a report on the current state of the Review of TAS schemes? What has happened since August 2006?
2. What did the Review recommend? Please provide details. Which of these recommendations have been adopted? Why have those not adopted been rejected?
3. Would, or will, the resulting changes to the TAS framework have prevented the problems from arising that have come up in the closure of Alpha Beta College?

Answer:

TAS Review

1. The consultancy for the Tuition Assurance Scheme (TAS) Review is complete. The Department is now assessing the recommendations in light of the policy and operational implications for implementation.
2. Development of options for implementing improvements is underway, taking into account both the original recommendation from the ESOS evaluation and the recommendations flowing from the Review of TASSs.

Any resulting changes will apply to the approval, accountability and review arrangements for TASSs.