

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

**Outcome:** 3  
**Output Group:** 3.1 Research Infrastructure

#### **DEST Question No. E805\_07**

Senator Carr provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

RQF Implementation

1. Can you explain the factors going into the appropriations for the implementation of the RQF as shown on p.25 of the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements?
2. What do those figures represent, in detail?

#### **Answer:**

*RQF Implementation*

1. The factors going into the appropriations for the implementation of the Research Quality Framework (RQF) as shown on page 15 of the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements include:
  - the Australian Scheme for Higher Education Repositories
  - the Implementation Assistance Programme
  - the implementation of the RQF Information Management System
  - RQF implementation policy development and administration.
2. These figures (fiscal balance) represent:
  - \$25.5 million over two years for the Australian Scheme for Higher Education Repositories to assist universities to meet the requirement that research assessed in the first cycle of the RQF be stored in a digital storage system (repository) wherever possible
  - \$16.4 million over three years for the Implementation Assistance Programme to provide funding to assist institutions to implement new administrative and information management systems for the RQF
  - \$15.8 million over four years for the implementation of the RQF Information Management System
  - \$29.6 million over four years for policy development and administration of the implementation of the RQF.