

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1

Output Group: 1.4 – Assistance for transitions through and from school

DEST Question No. E035_04

Senator Crossin tabled on 4 June 2003

Question:

These two programs have run as pilots since March last year – 23 CAT and 21 POEM were stated to have commenced. Is there any report on how they performed in the 2002 school year? If so can this be provided?

Answer:

Performance of CAT and POEM pilots in 2002

DEST selected an organisation to undertake a multidimensional national co-ordination and evaluation project (NCEP) for the POEM pilots and the CAT pilots.

The Project runs from September 2002 to February 2004 and is designed to evaluate individual pilot projects and each set of pilots (CATs and POEMs). The project will also highlight what works in individual settings, within State/Territory systems and nationally. As the name suggests, the project will also provide a co-ordination function that supports individual POEM and CAT providers in an action learning environment.

An interim report on the CAT and POEM pilots, which is a working draft in progress towards the final report, was delivered to the Department in January 2003. The draft report is attached.

The Department is currently working with the consultants on the final CAT report.

The final POEM report is scheduled for completion in February 2004.

Copies of both final reports will be provided on acceptance and clearance by the Department.