

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.4 – Funding for higher education

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Senator Crossin asked on 5 June 2003

Question:

- a) From 2004/05 to 05/06 a total of \$55.2m is to be made available under the “Workplace Productivity Programme”. What does this mean?
- b) What will universities and staff be expected to do for a share of this?

Answer:

Workplace Productivity Programme

- a) The new Workplace Productivity Programme is part of the higher education reform package. The programme will provide \$27.3 million in 2005-06 and \$27.9 million in 2006-07.
- b) The programme is designed to facilitate greater workplace reform in the higher education sector by providing incentives for each institution to develop workplace relations policies and practices that recognise its unique operating environment.

Funding under the Workplace Productivity Programme is contingent on institutions demonstrating a commitment to workplace reform. The details of the precise criteria and the evidence institutions will need to provide to demonstrate a commitment to progressing workplace reform will be settled during the 2003/04 financial year.