

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 2 and 3
Output Group: 2.4 – Funding for higher education
3.1 – Research infrastructure

DEST Question No. E308_04

Senator Harradine asked on 5 June 2003

Question:

The Minister has acknowledged that regional universities “play a role in the economic and social life of their communities which goes far beyond their traditional education activities”. Does the Department recognize the important role of research to regional universities and their communities?

Answer:

Regional Universities and Research

DEST recognises the important role of research to regional universities and their communities, as identified in *Knowledge and Innovation: A policy statement on research and research training* released in December 1999. Higher education institutions play a vital economic, social and cultural role in their local communities, generating a wide range of employment options and contributing to the development of regional Australia.