

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 3  
Output Group: 3.1 – Research infrastructure

#### **DEST Question No. E318\_04**

Senator Harradine asked on 5 June 2003

#### **Question:**

When is the Government to provide bandwidth funding to the University of Tasmania, given the Higher Education Bandwidth Committee last year recommended that the University of Tasmania be given funding as a priority? How much funding is to be provided and following what timetable? What is the specific purpose of this funding?

#### **Answer:**

*Improved bandwidth for University of Tasmania*

The Australian Research and Education Network Advisory Committee (ARENAC), established by the Minister in May 2003, is committed to working with stakeholders in Tasmania to improve bandwidth for the University of Tasmania in line with the recommendation from Higher Education Bandwidth Advisory Committee report.

Discussions have taken place between ARENAC and representatives of the University of Tasmania, the Tasmanian State Government and the CSIRO about the development of a proposal to address the need for improved bandwidth for higher education and research institutions in Tasmania.