

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2
Output Group: 2.4 – Funding for Higher Education

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Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

The PBS Page 67 Strategic priority No 7 – Increased collaboration between and across vocational ed and higher ed sectors – under Higher Education it is stated that a Business, Industry and Higher Education Collaboration Council (BIHECC) will be established.

- When will this happen and will funds come from the (also) proposed Collaboration and Structural Reform Fund?
- How much funding is proposed for this fund and how much for the BIHECC in 2005?

Answer:

BIHECC

The Business/Industry/Higher Education Collaboration Council (BIHECC) was announced by the Minister for Education, Science and Training in 2003. The membership of the Council is expected to be announced shortly, and the first meeting of BIHECC is scheduled to be held in August 2004.

Seed funding (\$200,000 over the first two years of operation) to support BIHECC activities has been allocated under the Higher Education Innovation Programme (HEIP). This funding will become a claim on the Collaboration and Structural Reform (CASR) Fund when it replaces HEIP in 2005.

The total funds to be allocated under the CASR Fund will be approximately \$13.1 million in 2005, \$13.3 million in 2006 and \$10.9 million in 2007.