

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 3

Output Group: 3.2 – Assistance for science collaboration and innovation

DEST Question No. E195_05

Senator Carr provided in writing

Question:

Was it your Department that provided advice to the Howard review that justified the following statement in the review: "From the Commonwealth's perspective, the Visitor can perform a useful role immediately following the establishment of the CRC from a pastoral or mentoring perspective, but beyond that there is little value. There is, however, a substantial administrative cost."

If so, on what basis was that advice provided?

Was it based on discussions with any CRCs?

If so, which ones?

If not, on what experience is that advice being based?

Answer:

CRCs

We understand the statement in the Report was the Consultant's assessment based on a range of information. The Visitor programme is continuing, with CRC Programme funding available for the first three years of a CRC's operation.