

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2003-2004 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome: Enhanced scientific knowledge supporting the protection and sustainable development of Australia's marine resources

Output Group: AIMS

DEST Question No. E251_05

Senator CARR provided in writing.

Question:

- (a) Has the Government confirmed that AIMS will be offered a further triennium of funding after the expiry of the current triennial period?
- (b) Have any discussions have been held with DEST about future funding models for AIMS?
- (c) What discussions has AIMS had regarding the implementation of a competitive tendering framework for funding in the future?
- (d) When did these discussions occur, and who was present?
- (e) Has AIMS made any contingency plans of any sort for such an eventuality?

Answer:

Further triennium of funding

AIMS has provided the following response.

- (a) Yes
- (b) No.
- (c) None.
- (d) See (c).
- (e) No.