

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 1

**Output Group:** 1.3 – Assistance for quality teaching and learning

#### **DEST Question No. E077\_06**

Senator Crossin asked on 1 June 2005, EWRE Hansard page 126.

#### **Question:**

Is it not the case that when the minister first announced this by press release last year the requirement was always that an Australian government representative had to be at the ceremony? And, is it not the case that the early version of the application form did not reflect the minister's original intent?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Flag Raising Ceremonies*

The joint statement by the Prime Minister and Dr Nelson on 22 June 2004 included a section on values education indicating that every school would be required to have a functioning flagpole and fly the Australian flag as a condition of funding.

No mention was made in this announcement of recognition requirements.

By signing the original application form to fund a flagpole the school agreed to invite a federal parliamentarian to attend a flag raising ceremony. On acknowledgement of their application, schools were also given advice as to the Australian Government representative who should be invited to a flag raising ceremony.