

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 1

Output Group: 1.2 – Assistance for individuals including those with special needs

DEST Question No. E086_06

Senator Carr asked on 2 June 2005, EWRE Hansard page 11.

Question:

When was the decision made to select Progressive Learning?

Answer:

Tutorial Voucher Initiative in Queensland

On 31 August 2004, following an open tender process, the Departmental delegate approved organisations to act as brokers in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia. At that time, Parliament entered caretaker mode, and passage of legislation for the pilot Tutorial Voucher Initiative was delayed until December 2004. DEST subsequently began contract negotiations with the successful tenderers. In Queensland, the successful tenderer was NSDC Pty Ltd trading as Progressive Learning. The announcement of Progressive Learning as the broker for Queensland was made on 2 March 2005.