

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 1
Output Group: 1.1 – Funding for schools

DEST Question No. E097_06

Senator Nettle provided in writing.

Question:

What steps is the government taking to ensure that schools which are run for profit do not receive Commonwealth financial assistance? What is the government's definition of schools being run for profit? Will Reddam College in Bondi, NSW continue to receive Commonwealth funds?

Answer:

Commonwealth Financial Assistance

To be eligible for Australian Government recurrent funding it is a requirement under the *Schools Assistance (Learning Together – Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Act 2004*, that a company provide evidence of its incorporation, that it has the power to conduct a school and is not conducted for profit. The rules governing the incorporated body must also be consistent with it being non-profit.

The approved authority of Reddam House is an Australian Public Company, limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. Reddam House will continue to receive Australian Government funding so long as the legislative requirements for funding are met.