

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.4 – Funding for higher education

DEST Question No. E312_06

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Minister Nelson announced a review of Medical Education at the Australian Doctors' Fund Conference in Sydney on 18 February. Can you tell us:

- The cost of the review
- The timeline (eg dates for submissions, any hearings, reporting date)
- The process (eg under what auspices is it established; what are the terms of reference; who will it report to).

Answer:

Details of study on medical education

- \$400,000 has been set aside for the study.
- The Medical Education Study is not a review, but a study designed to inform current debate relating to medical education. It will be conducted by DEST under the direction of a Steering Committee of medical education stakeholders. A Roundtable of medical education stakeholders was held on May 26 to identify key issues for the study and to advise on membership of the Steering Committee.
- The terms of reference for the study are currently being finalised. A copy will be provided to the Committee when that occurs.
- It is anticipated that the study will be completed by mid 2006 and the Minister for Education, Science and Training will consider its findings.