

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1

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

DEST Question No. E034_07

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

What are the reasons for rejection (of unsuccessful WoSI applications)?

Answer:

Reasons for rejection of Whole of School Intervention (WoSI) applications

Prior to decisions being taken by DEST delegates at the state level, Regional or State Advisory Committees consider applications and make recommendations on which projects should be approved. The Advisory Committees usually comprise of representatives from DEST, the State Department of Education, the Indigenous Coordination Centre (ICC) Manager, and an Indigenous Education Consultative Body representative.

Advisory committees assess applications on the extent to which they meet the requirements for the Parent School Partnerships initiative set out in Part A of the Indigenous Education Programmes Provider Guidelines, and against the following mandatory criteria:

- the initiative has been developed by the school and Indigenous communities and parents;
- the initiative meets the objectives of the programme;
- the initiative has clearly defined milestones and performance measures;
- the initiative aligns with the strategic directions outlined in the school's Indigenous education plan or school operation plan or equivalent;
- the initiative offers value for money; and
- there is evidence of other financial and in-kind support for the initiative.

Decisions on funding have regard to the priority rankings proposed by the Regional or State Advisory Committees and the funding allocations available.