

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. E035_07

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

What is the process with submissions from “cluster” schools – for example the Katherine cluster? Does each school put in a submission or is a single submission left to the “Cluster Principal”? Who makes decisions on funding to cluster schools and how? Who has input?

Answer:

Process for Whole of School Intervention (WoSI) submissions from cluster schools

“Cluster” school submissions are developed following a meeting of all of the schools in the cluster, usually initiated by one or more of the schools in the cluster. A lead school is identified to receive funding on behalf of all of the schools in the cluster and assumes responsibility for coordinating the administration, reporting and acquittal of funding. It is open for all of the schools in the cluster to contribute to the development of the application. The application is submitted to DEST as a single application.

A Regional Advisory Committee considers all applications received and makes recommendations to a delegate in DEST on which projects should be approved, having regard to the level of funding available. The Regional Advisory Committees usually comprise of representatives from DEST, the State Department of Education, the ICC Manager, and an Indigenous Education Consultative Body representative. The delegate in DEST (usually at the State Office level) makes the decision on funding.