

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

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Senator Wong asked on 1 June 2006, EWRE Hansard page 30.

Question:

What are the issues in relation to potential non-compliance [of Curtin University of Technology and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education with the Higher Education Workplace Relations Requirements]?

Answer:

Higher Education Workplace Relations Requirements (HEWRRs)

(a) Curtin University of Technology

In relation to the assessment of Curtin University for HEWRRs compliance as at 30 November 2005, issues were identified with potential non-compliance in regard to:

- HEWRR 2 – Direct Relationships with Employees
- HEWRR 3 – Workplace Flexibility
- HEWRR 4 – Productivity and Performance

Curtin was asked to provide clarification on these issues and, after considering the additional information supplied by Curtin, the Minister for Education, Science and Training determined that it was compliant with the HEWRRs.

(b) Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education

In relation to the assessment of Batchelor Institute for HEWRRs compliance as at 30 November 2005, issues were identified with potential non-compliance in regard to:

- HEWRR 2 – Direct Relationships with Employees
- HEWRR 3 – Workplace Flexibility
- HEWRR 4 – Productivity and Performance
- HEWRR 5 – Freedom of Association

Batchelor Institute was asked to provide clarification on these issues and is in the process of preparing a final response.