

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 3

Output Group: 3.1 – Research Infrastructure

DEST Question No. E360_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

Impact of UK's decision on the RQF development – have DEST, the Minister or her office contacted their UK counterparts?

Answer:

Research Quality Framework

The Australian Government and the Department of Education, Science and Training are carefully monitoring the experiences of other countries such as the UK and New Zealand who have already undertaken the assessment of research quality.

The former Expert Advisory Group was chaired by Professor Sir Gareth Roberts, who is a world expert on research quality assessment and, in this capacity, led a review of the UK's Research Assessment Exercise after its last operation in 2001.