

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 3

Output Group: 3.2 – Assistance for collaboration and innovation

DEST Question No. E370_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

Why has the CRC program been allocated \$18.8 million less this year than last year?

Answer:

CRC program

CRC selection rounds are held every second year with new CRCs receiving their first funds the following year. That same year will be the last year of funding for CRCs from an earlier round. This leads to a fluctuation in funding from one year to the next. The Forward Estimates show that funding for 2007-08, which will provide the initial funding for CRCs successful in the 2006 selection round, is some \$21.7 m higher than that provided for 2006-07.