

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. E374_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

The Department of Environment's Environment Budget Overview 2006-07 shows a tapering of funding from Environment to CRCs (p. 45 Appendix 1: Environment Budget Overview)

Can DEST confirm that this is a reduction in funding to the CRC program over the forward estimates? Why? Was this tapering planned before this year's Budget or is this new?

Answer:

CRC Program

There is no funding provided by the Department of Environment and Heritage to the Department of Education, Science and Training for the CRC Programme. There has been no change to the forward estimates for the CRC Programme.