

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. E380_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

What is DEST doing to manage the potential for conflict of interest in the Chief Scientist's role? What's the process for assessing any instances of potential and actual conflict, internal or external?

Answer:

Conflict of interest

The Chief Scientist's engagement under the Deed of Appointment is subject to, and requires compliance with guidelines on the management of Conflict of Interest. The process for assessing any conflict is set out in the deed of appointment.