

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

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Senator Carr asked on 5 November 2003

Question:

So why, in 2001-02, did the Dept let a contract for nearly \$3 million to Erebus Consulting Partners for work on best practice in Enterprise Education in Aust Schools? Shouldn't this have been done by ECEF itself?

Answer:

Best practice in Enterprise Education in Australian Schools

No. Consistent with programme guidelines for the Enterprise and Career Education Programme (ECEP) Programme, the Department and the Enterprise and Career Education Foundation (ECEF) had distinct roles in response of enterprise education. The role of the Department was to work with the school sector. The role of ECEF was to work with industry and its links to schools

In the context of the Department's role, it managed an open tender process for the project *Action research to Identify Innovative Approaches to, and Best Practice in, Enterprise Education in Australian Schools*. The aim of the project was to support schools to determine the most effective models for enterprise education in primary and secondary schools. Following the tender process, Erebus Consulting Partners were selected to undertake the work (Refer QON E001_03).

The cost of the project was \$2.828 million (GST exclusive). From that amount, the consultants allocated approximately \$10,000 per school for each of the nearly 200 schools for the conduct of action research at the school level, on enterprise education.