

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 1

Output Group: 1.2 Assistance for individuals including those with special needs

DEST Question No. E499_04

Senator Crossin provided in writing on 6 November 2003.

Question:

The report "Breaks in the Road : an evaluation of the Indigenous Youth partnerships Initiative' seems to find much good in these programs but notes that "As successful as many of the projects were they were all locked in to one or two year time frames with little attention paid to how they might be sustained over the long term"

What thought has been given to this in terms of actually making longer term, ongoing commitment to some of the supposedly successful programs, or does DEST intend continuing, as with ECEF, funding only short term programs.

Answer:

Funding of programs under the Indigenous Youth Partnerships Initiative

The recent Budget measure to bring the functions of the Enterprise and Career Education Foundation (ECEF) closer to Government will allow for a rationalisation of transition programmes. Part of this rationalisation will be an examination of the terms of the contracts for partnerships and projects.