

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

**Outcome:** 1

**Output Group:** 1.4 - Assistance for transition through and from school

#### **DEST Question No. E500\_04**

Senator Cross asked on 6 November 2003

#### **Question:**

When ECEF was terminated it was said that the program functions and management would be incorporated into and undertaken by DEST by 30<sup>th</sup> September. Was this timeline met? What effects were there on those schools using the program in terms of funding releases? Were all releases needed able to be released on time? Did all participants in fact continue uninterrupted?

#### **Answer:**

*Enterprise and Career Education Foundation (ECEF)*

Yes. DEST and ECEF worked cooperatively to implement the Government's decision and to ensure an orderly, smooth and seamless transition of ECEF's functions to DEST.

As at 30 September 2003, the vast majority of ECEF's contracts had been novated to DEST. A small number of entities had yet to sign and return the relevant documentation. The transition to DEST was essentially seamless as the bulk of funding had been released in line with the terms and conditions of ECEF contracts.