

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.4 – Funding for higher education

DEST Question No. E682_04

Senator Carr asked on 5 November 2003, EWRE Hansard pages 15-16.

Question:

What were the dates various reports underpinning the national report were reclassified from being “forthcoming for publication” to being “advice to Minister”.

Answer:

National Report

As there was no correspondence directing the change in status of the Departmental analyses from “forthcoming” to “advice to the Minister”, the Department cannot provide the Senator with the specific dates on which this action took place. However, as has been made clear on a number of occasions, these internal Departmental analyses became “advice to the Minister” during 2002 when they began to inform the higher education policy review process. This occurred between July and November 2003.