

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.1 – Funding for Vocational Education and Training

DEST Question No. E385_05

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

When was the Department notified of the abolition of ANTA? How many job losses will result from the abolition of ANTA and what is the cost of any resulting redundancies?

Answer:

Abolition of ANTA

DEST was notified of the abolition of ANTA on 22 October 2004 through the Prime Minister's announcement of the Machinery of Government changes.

Convention under Machinery of Government changes is for staff to follow function. All ANTA staff will be offered employment in DEST from 1 July 2005 onwards. The decision has been made for ANTA functions to be undertaken in DEST's National Office in Canberra. ANTA staff, who are located in Brisbane and Melbourne, and who do not wish to move to DEST will receive a range of support to find other work, or under the conditions of their employment may be entitled to a redundancy.

The number of ANTA staff accepting the offer of employment with DEST will not be known for several months. The cost of redundancies will only be known at this point.