

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 1

Output Group: 1.1 – Funding for schools

DEST Question No. E445_05

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

How will the \$1 billion in capital announced during the election be administered? Please provide details of the application process and who will be responsible for determining the allocation of funding.

Answer:

Capital grants

The new infrastructure funding program will be administered through the Department of Education, Science and Training for government schools and, for non-government schools, using the existing arrangements used for the Capital Grants Programme through Block Grant Authorities.

The Minister will be writing to school principals and parent organisations to advise them of the programme Guidelines and the application procedures.

The Australian Government will determine the allocation of funding to individual projects on the advice of the Department of Education, Science and Training and, for non-government projects, the relevant Block Grant Authority.