

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1

Output Group: 1.2 - Assistance for Individuals including those with special needs

DEST Question No. E523_06

Senator Evans provided in writing.

Question:

How much has the Department spent on the COAG trial to date?

Answer:

Funding spent on the Murdi Paaki COAG Trial to Date

The tables below provide an overview of Australian Government committed funds to the Murdi Paaki trial, including the Department of Education, Science and Training's (DEST's) commitments over the 2003-2006 period.

Financial Year	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006	Total
Australian Government Contribution	\$343,630	\$1,633,000	\$3,121,032	\$5,097,622

Of the Australian Government commitment of \$5,097,622 million, DEST has committed \$1,819,429 million on initiatives in the Murdi Paaki trial. An overview of DEST's committed funds across the 2003-2006 financial years is provided below.

Financial Year	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006	Total
DEST	\$191,078	\$792,000	\$836,351	\$1,819,429

In addition, through its lead agency role, DEST also supports the Murdi Paaki trial through a team of four officers located in Dubbo, New South Wales, who work directly with the Indigenous communities of the region. The trial also receives support from DEST's National Office through the engagement of DEST's senior executive, and the support of two officers from the Indigenous Education Policy Branch.

The Department provided a previous response to this question on 1 November 2005, to the Senate Estimates Committee.