

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. E532_06

Senator Evans provided in writing.

Question:

If, so when were they set? What are they? When will they be reported on?

Answer:

Murdi Paaki Trial Performance Indicators

The Murdi Paaki Steering Committee established the Murdi Paaki Monitoring and Evaluation Framework in 2003. The Framework provides for the monitoring and evaluation of long and shorter term outcomes in the region against broad priority areas.

At the national level priorities for the trial are consistent with the Indigenous Communities Coordination Taskforce's Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, and the Productivity Commission's Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage Report. These priorities encompass:

- Health;
- Education;
- Law and justice; and
- Labour force participation and unemployment.

At the regional and local level, priority areas for the Murdi Paaki region are determined by the requirements of the initiatives entered into with the communities of the region, and the regional priorities identified through the 2003 Murdi Paaki regional Shared Responsibility Agreement (SRA). These priorities include:

- improving the health and well being of children and young people;
- improving educational attainment and school retention;
- helping families to raise healthy children; and
- strengthening community and regional governance structures.

A formal evaluation of the Murdi Paaki COAG trial utilising these broad priority areas is expected to commence in 2006.