

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. E541_06 - Amended

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

How many homework centres were funded by the end of first school semester in late June and how many have been funded since then? Why were there delays which effectively disadvantage the many students needing the use of such centres?

Answer:

Homework Centre approvals

At June 2005, 153 Homework Centres had been approved. From July 2005 to 31 December 2005, a further 170 Homework Centres were approved. A total of 323 Homework Centres were approved nationally.

Initial delays were experienced in the uptake of Homework Centres in Western Australia. The WA Department of Education and Training (DET) made a decision that they were not prepared for their school principals to manage homework centres because the DET had not gone through a due and appropriate process with regard to the principalship taking over homework centres.

Following discussions with the Western Australia Department of Education and Training it is expected that several additional homework centres will be funded as a result of applications received in Round 5.