

## 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. E553\_06**

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

Have DEST actually made any further refinements or changes to these programs for next year to make them less bureaucratic and more user and Indigenous friendly?

#### **Answer:**

*Whole of School Intervention Strategy*

Yes. The application process for the Whole of School Intervention Strategy (Parent School Partnerships Initiative projects and Homework Centres) has been simplified. The requirement for Concept Plans has been discontinued. Proponents are now required to submit a single Application for Funding form.

There will be two funding rounds for Whole of School Intervention Strategy applications for funding in 2006, with the first scheduled to close at the end of March and the second at the end of August 2006.

The Application for Funding forms and the programme guidelines have been amended to reflect the streamlined the application process. The revised Application for Funding forms and the Indigenous Education Programmes Provider Guidelines 2005-2008 are available on the DEST website.