

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

**Outcome:** 1  
**Output Group:** 1.1 – Funding for schools

#### **DEST Question No. E565\_06**

Senator Wong asked on 2 November 2005, EWRE Hansard page 65.

*Refers to DEST Question No. E567\_06 & E620\_06*

#### **Question:**

I would like to know correspondence in relation to the funding decisions under this program, to which MPs the minister sent it, and the dates.

#### **Answer:**

*Investing in Our Schools – correspondence recipients and dates*

#### **Government Sector**

After the final SAAP meeting in each State or Territory, a briefing was prepared for the Minister recommending funding to be approved according to the final ranked list arising out of SAAP members' ratings and discussion. These briefings also contained letters to all MPs and Duty Senators for the signature of the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary. The signed letters were sent from the Ministers' Offices directly in all cases. Attached is a spreadsheet of the Department's records of the dates of this correspondence.

Attached also are copies of the template letters and enclosures to the Coalition MPs and Duty Senators ([Attachment A](#)) and Opposition MPs ([Attachment B](#)). Attached to both is a blank template for reporting approved grants to MPs electorates.

These letters were provided about all successful projects. A full list of successful projects is provided at QON E620\_06.

#### **Non-government Sector**

Attached are copies of the template letters and enclosures to the Coalition MPs and Duty Senators ([Attachment C](#)) and Opposition MPs ([Attachment D](#)). Attached to both is a blank template for reporting approved grants to MPs electorates.

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