

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. E569_06

Senator Wong asked on 2 November 2005, EWRE Hansard page 72.

Question:

You have indicated to me that you have prepared letters to government MHRs, plus media releases for them, letters to non-government MHRs, and letters to government senators but no letters to non-government senators.

I presume that the department has sought no advice as to the propriety of that particular state of affairs. Was this the subject of any request for advice?

Answer:

Letters to announce successful grants

Arrangements for announcing and ensuring due recognition of the Australian Government contribution to successful grants of this nature are long standing. Preparation of letters to local members and duty senators, together with appropriate material for public announcement of the Australian Government's decision are provided as a matter of course.

Guidelines for the appropriate recognition arrangements, including invitations to the Minister or his representative to openings are set out in the programme guidelines. No additional advice on these arrangements was considered to be needed.