

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. E588_06

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

Who actually makes the decisions on funding and how, on what criteria?

Answer:

Investing in Our Schools – funding decisions

Decisions on funding are made by the Minister based on recommendations by the State based Assessment Advisory Panels (SAAPs). The SAAPs make their recommendations based on the applicant's claims against the Programme criteria, any perceived risks inherent in the project and the advice of the State or Territory representative. DEST provides additional advice on the available funding in each jurisdiction.