

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. E627_06

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

Some schools, especially in NSW, were sent DEST letters informing them they were unsuccessful, even though they were successful.

- How many schools were misinformed?
- In what states?

Answer:

Investing in Our Schools - Error

Due to a system error there were 858 New South Wales schools, 3 South Australian schools and 1 Queensland school, which received unsuccessful letters when they should have been sent a successful letter.

All successful schools that were affected by this error were contacted via email and phone and advised by the Department to ignore the unsuccessful letter and advised that the correct correspondence would be despatched to the school immediately.