

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 1
Output Group: 1.1 – Funding for Schools

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Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

Tutorial Voucher

- a. Were there deadlines for entry to the program?
- b. Were there deadlines for delivery of tutoring to students?
- c. Why?
- d. What are the various deadlines for each state?
- e. Will students be able to access the funds if the deadlines have past?

Answer:

Deadlines

- a. – c. The Tutorial Voucher Initiative was a pilot programme intended to run over a limited timeframe.

The contracts with the brokers specify a due date for a final report, by which time all tuition must be concluded. In order to complete tuition for those students registered deadlines were established for registration of applications in each State or Territory.

- d. The deadlines for each State and Territory are as follows:

State / Territory	Closing date for Registration	Due date for Final Report
New South Wales	26 August 2005	30 November 2005
Victoria	9 September 2005	30 November 2005
Queensland	9 September 2005	30 November 2005
South Australia	31 August 2005	30 November 2005
Western Australia	31 August 2005	30 November 2005
Tasmania (Non-government schools)	31 August 2005	31 December 2005
Tasmania (State schools)	23 September 2005	31 December 2005
Northern Territory*	**	**
Australian Capital Territory	14 September 2005	30 November 2005

- e. Students will not be able to access tuition under the pilot after the pilot has closed in their State or Territory.

* Implementation of the pilot Initiative in the Northern Territory has been delayed. At the request of the Northern Territory Broker, the Initiative will be delivered in the Northern Territory from Term 1 2006.