

## 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. E640\_06 - Final**

Senator Wong provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

- a. Is the NT's voucher program delivery the same as the other states?
- b. How is the broker delivering the funding?
- c. Is it similar to the other States and Territories?
- d. Is the voucher going to parents or is the funding going to schools?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Delivery of the pilot Tutorial Voucher Initiative in the Northern Territory*

- a. No, the pilot Tutorial Voucher Initiative in the Northern Territory is based on a slightly different delivery model. Funding will be provided by the Broker (the NT Department of Employment, Education and Training) to participating schools and they will engage tutors directly.
- b. The Northern Territory pilot TVI broker will provide funding to those schools that are attended by eligible students. The school will liaise with parents/caregivers about their child's participation and arrange tutors (who may be teachers at the school). Total funding for each school will be determined by the number of eligible students in that school who participate in the pilot TVI.
- c. The objective of the programme in the Northern Territory is the same as for all other jurisdictions. The entitlement under the programme is also identical to every other State and Territory, in that eligible Northern Territory students who participate will receive up to \$700 worth of reading tuition under the pilot TVI.
- d. Funding will be provided by the Broker to the participating schools, which will pay the tutors.