

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

**Outcome:** 3

**Output Group:** 3.2 – Assistance for science collaboration and innovation

#### **DEST Question No. E698\_06**

Senator Wong provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

Did DEST or the Minister get a discount off the regular price of a *Cosmos* magazine? What is the market cost? What did DEST pay? What are the details of negotiating any discount?

#### **Answer:**

*“Cosmos” Magazine – mail-out to schools*

DEST received a discount to the regular price of a *Cosmos* magazine. The magazine's retail price is \$8.95 (incl GST); DEST paid \$4.52 (incl GST). The two prices are not directly comparable because the special reprint involved the inclusion of a letter from the Minister, amendment to the magazine cover and amendment to the carrier sheet, at a cost to the Department of \$5,027 (incl GST). The discount was agreed on the basis of Luna Media's advice.