

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

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Question:

Has the Minister or DEST sent other magazines or publications to schools on Science and any other areas since 2001? Please provide details and costs.

Answer:

Science Publications

In addition to *Cosmos*, other Science products are listed below.

National Science Week Resource Book

DEST provided funding to the Australian Science Teachers Association (ASTA) for the *National Science Week School Resource Book*, which was distributed to all schools in Australia for National Science Week 2004 and National Science Week 2005. The primary purpose of the Resource Book is to assist schools in participating in National Science Week, although it can be used at other times in the school year and in years additional to the one in which it was first produced. The Resource Book is written by qualified education writers and contains teaching, reference and curriculum content suitable for use in all compulsory years of schooling across Australia.

In 2003/04 DEST provided \$78,453 to ASTA for the development, production and postage of the 2004 Resource Book. In 2004/05 DEST provided \$93,800 to ASTA for the development, production and postage of the 2005 Resource Book.

Science and Technology Activities Booklet

DEST provided funding to ASTA for the Association's preparation and production of a booklet titled *Science and Technology - Activities in Australia for Students and Teachers*. The booklet promoted awareness of a wide range of science and technology activities across Australia, listing activities such as competitions, exhibitions, school visiting programmes, lectures and intensive summer schools and workshops. It was a planning guide for teachers and students seeking externally-delivered science experiences.

ASTA distributed 40,000 copies of the Activities Booklet to all primary and secondary schools in Australia in 2001 and 2002. DEST provided \$34,200 to ASTA in each of 2000/01 and 2001/02 to assist ASTA's development, production and postage of the 2001 and 2002 Activities Booklets.