

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 3
Output Group: 3.1 – Research infrastructure

DEST Question No. E774_06

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

Research Quality Framework (RQF)

Please provide an update on the RQF process including dates for the next steps. Has the final expert Advisory Group (EAG) paper been completed? Has it gone to the Minister?

Answer:

Research Quality Framework (RQF)

Process to Date:

Date	Event
21 December 2004	Minister announces the EAG membership
17 March 2005	1 st Meeting of the EAG
29 March 2005	Release of the <i>Research Quality Framework: Assessing the quality and impact of research in Australia Issues Paper</i> .
29 March – 2 May 2005	Consultation period
31 May 2005	Release of the <i>Research Quality Framework: Assessing the quality and impact of research in Australia Advanced Approaches Paper</i>
2 June 2005	National Stakeholder Forum
3 June 2005	2 nd Meeting of the EAG
June - July 2005	3 EAG Working Group meetings
19 August 2005	3 rd Meeting of the EAG
9 September 2005	Release of the <i>Research Quality Framework: Assessing the quality and impact of research in Australia – The Preferred Model</i> .
9 September – 4 October 2005	Consultation period
17 October 2005	4 th Meeting of the EAG

Next Steps

Date	Event
November 2005	4 EAG Working Group meetings
20 December 2005	5 th Meeting of the EAG

The EAG has not completed its final advice to Minister on the Preferred Model. It will meet again on 20 December 2005 after which it will provide its advice to the Minister for Education, Science and Training.