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

Outcome: 3

Output Group: 3.1 – Research infrastructure.

DEST Question No E775_06

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

Research Quality Framework (RQF)

Output 3.1

Will the EAG be involved in the process to adapt the RQF to ARC and NHMRC funding?
How will the process of determining how the RQF applies to ARC and NHMRC funds work?
Who will run it? Will there be consultations? What is the timeline? How much of the ARC and NHMRC funding will be tied to the RQF?

Answer:

Research Quality Framework

- DEST will work with the ARC and NHMRC to examine how the RQF could inform ARC and NHMRC funding processes.
- This work will commence in early 2006. The timeline and process has not been determined.
- The process will be open and consultative with stakeholders engaged at all stages.
- Until the work is completed, DEST cannot speculate on the RQF's impact on ARC or NHMRC funding decisions.