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

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Output Group: 3.2 – Assistance for science collaboration and innovation

DEST Question No. E831_06

Senator Wong asked on 2 November 2005, EWRE Hansard page 115

Question:

Research Quality Framework (RQF)

With regard to the RQF, from DEST's perspective, what are the dates of contact in relation to the announcement for both the ARC and the NHMRC?

Answer:

Research Quality Framework (RQF)

The dates of contact by DEST in relation to the text of the foreword of the *Research Quality Framework: Assessing the quality and impact of research in Australia – The Preferred Model* paper for both the ARC and the NHMRC are as follows:

Thursday 1st September -

- Dr Evan Arthur (Group Manager, Innovation and Research Systems, DEST) contacted the Chief Executive Officer of the ARC, Professor Peter Hoj.

Week beginning 5th September -

- Mr Grahame Cook, Deputy Secretary, DEST spoke to Professor Hoj.

Thursday 8th September -

- The portfolio Minister's Office advised Mr Cook that the draft forward had been cleared with the Office of the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- Ms Lisa Paul (Secretary, DEST) contacted Ms Jane Halton (Secretary, Department of Health and Ageing).
- Mr Cook contacted Professor Alan Pettigrew (Chief Executive Officer, NHMRC).
- Ms Leanne Harvey (Branch Manager, Research Systems Branch, DEST) contacted Ms Phillippa Lowry (Director, Health Services Improvement Division, Dept of Health & Ageing).

Friday 9th September -

- The Preferred Model paper was released by Minister Nelson. This was accompanied by a media release.