

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 1

**Output Group:** 1. 3 – Assistance for quality teaching and learning

#### **DEST Question No. E528\_07**

Senator Wong provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

Reading Assistance Voucher Programme

- a) Confirm that a contract has been let to Curriculum Corporation for over \$7 million, to manage this program.
- b) Will the Corporation ensure that there will be a strong role for State and Territory authorities?
- c) How much will this cost? And how much of the \$7 million will go to these authorities? Or will they have to find the extra resources themselves? Or from program funds?
- d) Please provide details of the project's terms of reference, methodology, resources, etc.

#### **Answer:**

*Reading Assistance voucher programme*

- a) Yes.
- b) Yes.
- c) These matters are currently being worked on by Curriculum Corporation, with State and Territory education authorities, and are yet to be finalised.
- d) Information about the programme's objectives, principles for delivery and the role of the National Programme Manager is included in the Reading Assistance Voucher programme Administrative Guidelines, available on the Department's website at: [www.dest.gov.au/readingassistance](http://www.dest.gov.au/readingassistance). The resources allocated to the programme are \$20.6 million over the 2006-07 and 2007-08 financial years, as described on page 42 of the Education, Science and Training 2006-07 Portfolio Budget Statement.