

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: ALL
Output Group: ALL

DEST Question No. E568_07

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question:

With regard to each agencies (and the department itself) that fall inside the department's portfolio, could the department indicate

1. What date the agency's 2005-06 Annual Report was tabled before parliament?
2. If the annual report was not tabled by 31 October 2006, could the department indicate:
 - a. When the report was tabled, or if it remains untabled what date the report is expected to be tabled by.
 - b. Whether the agency's own legislation provides an alternative timeframe for its annual report. If so, could the department provide:
 - i. A description and reference to the relevant provision and legislation.
 - ii. An explanation of why the agency cannot meet the general timeframe set out in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet's Requirements for Annual Reports, and so requires an alternative timeframe?
 - c. Whether the agency was granted an extension under section subsections 34C(4) - (7) of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901? If so, could the department provide:
 - i. The date for finalizing the report as set out in the extension.
 - ii. The reason given for granting the extension.
 - iii. The date that the Minister tabled in Parliament a statement explaining why an extension was granted.
 - iv. A copy of the Minister's statement.
 - d. Where the agency's legislation doesn't provide for an alternative timeframe (as per question b) nor was the agency granted an extension (as per question c) could the department provide:
 - i. Explanation for why the Annual Report was tabled outside the timeframe set by DPM&C despite there being no provision alternative timeframe set out in the agency's legislation nor there being any formal extension granted.
 - ii. Details of any other arrangement in place for the tabling the agency's Annual Report.

Answer:

Tabling of Annual Report

1.

Department/Agency	Date Annual Report Tabled
DEST	31 October 2006
CSIRO	30 October 2006
ARC	25 October 2006

AIATSIS	23 October 2006
ANSTO	30 October 2006
AIMS	30 October 2006
Carrick Institute	19 October 2006
Teaching Australia	2 & 7 November 2006

2. a. Teaching Australia's Annual Report 2005-06 was tabled in the House of Representatives on 2 November 2006 and in the Senate on 7 November 2006.
2. b. i. Teaching Australia does not have its own legislation. It is a Commonwealth owned company subject to the *Corporation Act 2001* and the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997*.
2. b. ii. As a Commonwealth owned company under the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997*, Teaching Australia is not subject to the Prime Minister and Cabinet requirements.
2. c. Not applicable.
2. d. Not applicable.