

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: All
Output Group: All

DEST Question No. E593_07

Senator Wong asked on 1 November 2006, EWRE Hansard page 108.

Question:

Why did DEST reject the following FOI request on the ground that, "thorough searches of the Department's records have been undertaken and these have failed to locate any records covered by your request. I have therefore concluded that the information you have requested is not in the possession of this Department":

"any review, assessment, evaluation or report completed in the last 12 months on (a) the success of the New apprentices scheme and (b) on the need to improve skilled training in Australia and any shortfall in government funding or support in order to improve the number of skilled workers in Australia".

Answer:

FOI Request

The applicant's freedom of information request was received in June 2006 and covered documents comprising any review, assessment, evaluation or report completed in the period 28 June 2005 to 28 June 2006.

This request was further refined by the applicant to specifically exclude "documents that have already been publicly released."

At time of the decision, the only document held by DEST within the timeframe for the FOI request was a document titled, "*World Class Skills for World Class Industries*". This document was publicly released in May 2006 and therefore fell outside of the scope of the request.