

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

**Outcome:** 2

**Output Group:** 2.4 - Funding for Higher Education

#### **DEST Question No. E644\_07**

Senator Stephens provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

Allocation of funds will be only to the top-end outcomes rather than to research funding, where the contribution of all universities to research outcomes is appropriately acknowledged.

a) Can you explain this inconsistency in the funding between research and the LTPF?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Learning and Teaching Performance Fund*

The Learning and Teaching Performance Fund is intended to ensure that excellence in learning and teaching are valued and recognised alongside the delivery of research excellence.

The fund provides \$250 million over three years to reward those universities that best demonstrate excellence in teaching and learning. This is expected to promote quality in the sector and to enable learning and teaching to be recognised alongside research in terms of its contribution to Australia's knowledge systems.

The proposed Research Quality Framework is designed to ensure that that the highest quality research is rewarded.