

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. E645_07

Senator Stephens provided in writing.

Question:

The Minister will consider the advice of the Expert Panel in determining which universities will receive funding and how the funding will be distributed.

- a) Will the Expert Panel's advice be made public?
- b) Will the Minister provide explanatory material for her decisions?
- c) Have any discussions taken place between DEST and the Minister or Minister's office about how the funding will be distributed? If yes, what have they been?

Answer:

Learning and Teaching Performance Fund

- a) The expert panel's report to the sector is now available on the department's website: http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/higher_education/policy_issues_reviews/key_issues/learning_teaching/tpf/2007tpf.htm#Expert_Panel_Report
- b) The Minister has based her decisions on the advice of the expert panel.
- c) In respect of funding, the department provided the Minister with a briefing on the panel's recommendations. The allocations were announced by the Minister on 7 December 2006. Please refer to the Minister's media release for more information: <http://www.dest.gov.au/Ministers/Media/Bishop/2006/12/b002071206.asp>