

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

**Outcome:** 1

**Output Group:** 1.2 – Assistance for individuals including those with special needs.

#### **DEST Question No. E696\_07**

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

I had a call from one of the small, remote schools in the Katherine Cluster saying that they received no money to the cluster until near the end of term two so it was into term three before they could spend anything. Why the delay?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Funding to School Clusters*

“Cluster” school submissions are usually developed following a meeting of all schools in the cluster, initiated by one or more of the schools in the cluster. A lead school is appointed to receive funding on behalf of all of the schools in the cluster and it has responsibility for the administration, reporting and acquittal of the funding. Once an initiative has been approved, and a funding agreement put in place, the distribution of funds to other schools in the cluster rests with the lead school.