

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 3
Output Group: 3.1 – Research Infrastructure

DEST Question No. E751_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

The DEST website lists March-September 2006 as the time period when preparation of funding proposals for the NCRIS process occurred?

- (a) Has this happened?
- (b) What are each of the proposals and what stage is each at?
- (c) Could we please have a copy of the proposals?

Answer:

NCRIS funding proposal preparation time period

- (a) Yes.
- (b) The funding proposals (called NCRIS Investment Plans) relate to the nine priority capabilities identified in the NCRIS Strategic Roadmap for development in 2006. The Roadmap is available at http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/research_sector/policies_issues_reviews/key_issues/ncris/documents/ncris_strategic_roadmap_pdf.htm.

On 27 November 2006 the Minister announced funding for proposals relating to these nine priority capabilities.

- (c) A copy of the nine NCRIS Investment Plans on CD is attached. These Investment Plans were submitted to DEST on 8 September 2006. Ongoing negotiation was undertaken between 8 September and 19-20 October 2006 when the NCRIS Committee met to consider and comment on the Plans. The Committee provided comment on the Investment Plans which now form the basis for negotiation of individual NCRIS funding agreements with grant recipients.