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

Outcome: 3

Output Group: 3.1 – Research Infrastructure

DEST Question No. E752_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

- (a) At what stage is DEST in the development of a single national proposal for NCRIS funding?
- (b) Has a single proposal been developed yet?
- (c) When is it expected to be finalised?
- (d) When will it be approved by the Minister?
- (e) When will it be made public?

Answer:

NCRIS single national proposal

(a), (b) and (c) The NCRIS Roadmap indicates that “the Government intends that a single national, collaborative proposal (incorporating a business plan) be developed to address each area of capability”. Refer page 6 of the Roadmap at http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/research_sector/policies_issues_reviews/key_issues/ncris/documents/ncris_strategic_roadmap_pdf.htm.

Individual proposals (called NCRIS Investment Plans) for the first nine capability areas were submitted to DEST on 8 September 2006.

(d) and (e) The Minister announced funding for the first nine capability areas on 27 November 2006.