

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 3

Output Group: 3.1 – Research Infrastructure

DEST Question No. E756_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

At what stage is the RQF DAG up to in developing an RQF model, including proposed timeline for the model to be made public?

Does the Government still plan to tie all of the Institutional Grants Scheme and half of the Research Training Scheme to an RQF?

Is DEST considering the advice of the Productivity Commission on delaying an RQF?

Answer:

Research Quality Framework Development Advisory Group

The Minister released the Research Quality Framework Development Advisory Group's (RQFDAG) *Recommended RQF* on Tuesday 14 November. The *Recommended RQF* is available at:

http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/research_sector/policies_issues_reviews/key_issues/research_quality_framework/default.htm

The Australian Government has announced that it will move ahead with an RQF for Australia which will redistribute around \$600 million in research block funding.