

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10**

Outcome **3**

DEEWR Question No. **EW778_10**

Senator MacDonald provided in writing.

Question

Education Projects - School of Veterinary Science Project

- (i) What is the status of the School of Veterinary Science project?*
- (ii) Why is the project still at a planning stage?*
- (iii) How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project?*
- (iv) Is the project running to schedule and within budget?*
- (v) Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the status and progress of this project?*

Answer

- (i) The project has four separate buildings at various stages of construction, some with 100% structure complete, some with 100% roofing complete. All buildings will be practically complete and ready for occupation between December 2009 and March 2010.
- (ii) The project is in advanced stage of construction and is nearing completion.
- (iii) \$20 million.
- (iv) The project is running two weeks behind the current program. It is estimated that there is a possible cost increase of 2.79%. Under the EIF funding agreements all cost overruns are to be covered by the funding recipient.
- (v) The Department has been provided with progress reports regarding the status and progress of this project.