

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

**Outcome 3 - Higher Education**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0318\_11**

**Senator Mason asked on 2/06/2010, Hansard page 50.**

**Question**

**EIF**

When was the last announcement made regarding a distribution from the fund? and When was the last time the government announced that they were distributing money from the fund? Ms Randall—The last funding round in the education portfolio opened last year. There was also a funding round that is run from Senator Carr's department for the Clean Energy Initiative. I am afraid I do not know the dates that program opened. I think there are two components to that program and they opened on two separate dates. But I am sorry; I do not have that with me. Senator MASON—Can you take that on notice? You cannot tell me the date the government last announced that it was distributing moneys from the fund?

**Answer**

*When was the last announcement made regarding a distribution from the fund? and When was the last time the government announced that they were distributing money from the fund?*

- Between 21 May and 29 June 2010, the Australian Government announced the 19 successful projects through Education Investment Round 3 and the Sustainability Round.

*In relation to the information regarding the Clean Energy Initiative (CEI):*

- The Clean Energy Initiative (CEI) was announced in the 2009-10 Budget.
- In a media release of 12 May 2009, the Australian Government announced that the CEI included new funding of \$2 billion in industrial-scale Carbon Capture and Storage projects under the Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Flagships program and funding of \$1.5 billion in a Solar Flagships program.
- The infrastructure components of the CCS Flagships program and the Solar Flagships program will be funded through the Education Investment Fund.

Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Flagships

- On 20 May 2009, the Minister for Resources and Energy invited eligible

organisations to submit proposals to be considered under the \$2 billion CCS Flagships Program.

### Solar Flagships

- On 11 December 2009, the Minister for Resources and Energy announced that the first round of the \$1.5 billion Solar Flagships Program was open and the guidelines were released.