

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

Department of Education Question No. ED0581_15

Senator Wright provided in writing.

Question

Flexible literacy for remote schools - Direct Instruction

1. What process did the department use to determine how the \$22 million flexible literacy for remote schools program would be allocated?
2. When did the department advertise that project applications were open or being opened?
3. How many organisations or consortiums submitted applications?
4. On what dates did project applications open and close?
5. What process was used to assess the applications received and was anybody outside of the Department of Education involved? If so where were those people from?

Answer

- 1 and 2. On 30 May 2014, an Expression of Interest was advertised on the department's website and in *The Australian* newspaper.
3. Three organisations submitted applications.
4. Applications opened on 30 May 2014 and closed 10 June 2014.
5. Applications were assessed by a panel against the criteria contained in the Expression of Interest application. The panel comprised of departmental officers as per usual practice.