

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1
Output Group: 1.1 - Funding for schools

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Senator Carr asked on 18 February 2004, EWRE Hansard page 130.

Question:

I would be interested to know where in the report I could find reference to the report's evaluation of your handling of the problems that have been identified with the administration of this program. Were they discussed in the report?

Is there any evaluation here? Is there any reference in here that points to how well you are fulfilling that function in section 75A of the Act?

Answer:

Evaluation of Establishment Grants

The review of the Establishment Grants Programme was undertaken in accordance with the requirements set out in Section 75A of the *States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education) Act 2000* (the Act). Specifically, the Act required that the review

"include an assessment of the extent to which payments made in accordance with the Act have been successful in meeting the recurrent establishment costs of new schools, with particular reference to the :

- (a) eligibility;
- (b) accountability and transparency; and
- (c) administration of the payment of establishment grants."

Accordingly all of these issues were addressed during the evaluation.

The eligibility of schools for Establishment Grants and the accountability arrangements are discussed in Chapter 3. The transparency and administration of the programme are discussed in Chapter 4.