

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

**Outcome:** 3  
**Output Group:** 3.1 – Research Infrastructure

#### **DEST Question No. E721\_04**

Senator Carr asked on 18 February 2004, EWRE Hansard page 19

#### **Question:**

How many officers are in the new Group within the Department? Is it the same number? Is it a straight transfer of functions?

#### **Answer:**

*DEST New Group*

There are currently 51 officers in the new Innovation and Research Systems Group. Additional positions were created for a Group Manager and a Branch Manager and corresponding Personal Assistants.

The Group will consist of the current Innovation and Research Branch from Higher Education Group and a new Branch, Research Systems Branch. This Branch consists of the Policy Development Taskforce and the Science and Innovation Analysis Unit both previously located in Strategic Analysis and Evaluation Group. It will also take over responsibility for further work on Science and Innovation Mapping from the Mapping Taskforce and policy responsibility for National Research Priorities and Major National Research Facilities from Science Group.