

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.4 – Funding for higher education

DEST Question No. E810_04

Senator Carr asked on 20 February 2004, EWRE Hansard page 37.

Question:

- a) Are there any programs associated with those laboratories (the Liverpool Hospital laboratories associated with Professor Bruce Hall's research) from DEST sourced funds or DEST agency funds?
- b) Have any of the Commonwealth's moneys been spent on legal fees with regard to this matter.

Answer:

Bruce Hall associated programs funding

- a) There are no programs from DEST sourced funds or DEST agency funds which directly finance Professor Bruce Hall's laboratories at Liverpool Hospital. The Department does provide block funding to the University of New South Wales, and confirmed in E355_03 in November 2002 that the Department had sought and obtained confirmation that no Departmental funds were involved in the case of alleged scientific fraud against Professor Hall.
- b) The Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training has not paid legal fees with regard to this matter.