

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

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Senator Carr asked on 20 February 2004, EWRE Hansard page 38

Question:

Are you planning to issue another one (contract for the graduate skills assessment test)?

Answer:

GSA Contract

At this stage the future direction for the GSA is still under consideration. The existing contract for the development and administration of the GSA with the Australian Council for Educational Research concludes in August 2004.

The \$270,000 per year, provided in *Our Universities: Backing Australia's Future*, to promote the GSA does not commence until 2005. This provides an opportunity in 2004 to fully assess the direction in which the GSA should be taken, including engaging with employers. Any decision to issue another contract for the administration of the GSA is contingent on the outcomes of this reassessment of the future direction for the GSA.