

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 1
Output Group: 1.1 – Funding for schools

DEST Question No. E841_04

Senator Carr tabled on 18 February 2004.

Refers to 'States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Act 2000 Report on financial assistance granted to each State in respect of 2002.

Question:

Why did the Department cease providing a school-by-school breakdown of recurrent grants in the "Green Book"?

Can you please provide these details for 2002, and for all other years where the practice was not followed.

Answer:

The "Green Report", the colloquial name for the *'Report on Financial Assistance Granted to Each State'* was published with the school-by-school breakdown of grants until 1997. The Report has a limited distribution and in order to reduce the resource intensity of its production, the format of the Report was changed in 1998.

The school by school accountability records are not available for 1998 and 1999. After the financial accountability certificates were checked and reconciled, the school level records were archived. The Department's computer system was redeveloped from a mainframe platform to a LAN based platform in 2000 and the archived material was not transferred to the new system. Departmental officers have tried for some time to recover the data for those programme years in a useful format but have been unsuccessful. Data from 2000, 2001 and 2002 is attached.