

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

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Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

The document states that “significant new funding is being dedicated to strengthen compliance and enforcement activities...” (p30). What funding, how much and where from? Who carries out these activities?

Answer:

Compliance and enforcement activities

The new funding referred to in the Ministerial Statement of 14 October 2003, *Engaging the World through Education*, is for increased compliance and enforcement action by the Department. It was announced by the Australian Government on 13 May 2003 as part of the \$113 million 2003-04 Budget initiative for the international education and training export industry.

The new funding is \$5.1 million over four years, on an ongoing basis. This funding is provided to the Department to undertake additional compliance as part of its function of administering the *Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000*.