EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1

Output Group: 1.2 – Assistance to individuals including those with special needs.

DEST Question No. E658_05

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

During estimates in June 2004 (transcript EWRE 1st June Pg 166) we were told that DEST were working quite systematically upskilling all network staff to deal with schools - 180 staff was the number given – is this still correct?

Answer:

Training for the Indigenous Education Network programme

216 staff from DEST national, state and district offices commenced the Training for Indigenous Education Network (TIEN) programme which focused on developing staff skills in the areas of change management, networking and risk management. 189 staff were from the state and district offices, and 27 from DEST's national office.

By end January 2005, 166 staff had completed their assessment process with around 20 more to finalise their assessments by end April 2005.