EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: All Output Group: All

DEST Question No. E007_06 - Amended

Senator Carr asked on Wednesday 1 June 2005, EWRE Hansard page 23.

Refers to DEST Question Nos. E488_05, E489_05, E490_05, E739_05.

Question:

- a) Regarding the Higher Education Reforms Campaign, how much are you spending on media this year?
- b) How much is unexpended? How much money is left in the budget for that (printed products)?
- c) If I can have a copy of the report (the Market Research Developmental Report), I would appreciate it.
- d) Given that the project is about to end, you must be able to provide me with advice on the total cost and a breakdown for this campaign.
- e) You say there has been an evaluation, which I expect would be the standard administrative procedure. Do you have a copy of that evaluation report?

Answer:

a) Media costs

The expenditure for the media buy as at 29 June 2005 was \$1,271,602 (\$1,431,242 including GST and material despatch costs).

b) Unexpended money.

The amount of money left unexpended in the 2004-05 financial year is \$1,040,999.

c) Market Research Tracking Report

You requested—A Research Report on Higher Education Reforms Communication Campaign. Developmental Phase. Study No: 04/05/3552. A copy of this report is attached.

d) Total costs and breakdown for the campaign

The following table provides the most recent breakdown of expenditure in relation to the Higher Education Reforms Campaign

Key element of campaign	Initial budget (GST excl)	Expended funds (GST excl)
Creative agency (Batey Red Cell)	\$400,000	\$64,051
Market Research Agency (Worthington Di Marzio)	\$150,000	\$143,400
Media Buy (Universal McCann)	\$1,700,000	\$1,271,602 (media buy) \$29,527 (despatch costs)
Printing of Information Products	\$600,000	\$300,421
Contingency	\$150,000	\$150,000
TOTAL	\$3,000,000	\$1,959,001

e) Evaluation report

The report you requested is— A Research Report on Communication of the Higher Education Reforms "Our Universities: Backing Australia's Future" and Particularly of The "Going to Uni" Website (Post Campaign Evaluation Wave). Study No: 05/02/1015. A copy of this report is attached.