

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 1

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

DEST Question No. E029_06

Senator Carr asked on 1 June 2005, EWRE Hansard page 14.

Question:

How much has been spent by the department on the Murdi Paaki trial? Can you provide the breakdown for each financial year in which the money has been spent?

Answer:

Murdi Paaki

The tables below provide an overview of Australian Government committed funds to the Murdi Paaki trial, including the Department of Education, Science and Training's (DEST's) commitments over the 2003-2006 period.

Financial Year	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006	Total
Australian Government Contribution	\$343,630	\$1,633,000	\$3,121,032	\$5,097,622

Of the Australian Government commitment of \$5,097,622 million, DEST has committed \$1,819,429 million on initiatives in the Murdi Paaki trial. An overview of DEST's committed funds across the 2003-2006 financial years is provided below.

Financial Year	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006	Total
DEST	\$191,078	\$792,000	\$836,351	\$1,819,429

In addition, through its lead agency role, DEST also supports the Murdi Paaki trial through a team of four officers located in Dubbo, New South Wales, who work directly with the Indigenous communities of the region.

The trial also receives support from DEST's National Office through the engagement of DEST's senior executive, and the support of two officers from the Indigenous Education Policy Branch.