

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 1

Output Group: 1.3 – Assistance for quality teaching and learning

DEST Question No. E094_06

Senator Nettle provided in writing.

Question:

Is it true that public schools will not receive part or all of their federal funding if they do not have, or do not promise to install, a flag pole and a plaque stating that the funding was provided by the Australian government?

Answer:

Funding linked to Flagpoles

Prior to receipt of funding for the 2005-2008 quadrennium, each State is required to enter into an agreement with the Australian Government. It is a condition of funding set out in the *Australian Government Programmes for Schools Quadrennial Administrative Guidelines 2005 to 2008*, that each government school will have a functioning flagpole and fly the Australian flag. The Guidelines form part of the Funding Agreements between the Australian Government and each State and Territory Government.