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

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.4 – Funding for Higher Education

DEST Question No. E327_06

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

- a) Why did the Department not seek a formal submission from the Go8 on the review?
- b) Why was the Go8 position paper, supplied to the Department as outlined in answer E543_05, not formally considered in the review?

Answer:

DEST, Review of Indexation Arrangements in the Higher Education Sector. Refers to DEST Question No E543_05; Go8 Position paper, "The indexation of university grants"

- a) The Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee is representative of all universities in Australia, including the Go8.
- b) The Government did not make a call for submissions. The Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee was asked to provide a submission by early December 2004. The review team was aware of the Go8 paper which is broadly consistent with the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee position and considered it.