

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

**Outcome:** 2

**Output Group:** 2.4 – Funding for higher education

#### **DEST Question No. E372\_06**

Senator Carr provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

- a) Can you confirm that just five people are responsible for 23 of the 30 publications listed by MUP in its 2004 Research Report?
- b) And can you confirm that, with respect to five items on the list of publications, the MUP staff member who is an author is not the first author?
- c) Does the author have to be the first author for the publication to meet your criteria?

#### **Answer:**

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- a) DEST does not have copies of the publications listed by MUP in its 2004 Research Report and therefore cannot confirm the number of authors. Melbourne University may be able to assist the Senator.
- b) DEST does not have copies of the publications listed by MUP in its 2004 Research Report and therefore cannot confirm the order of authors. Melbourne University may be able to assist the Senator.
- c) Multiple authors may be counted but the counts are apportioned. The methodology for apportioning the counts is set out in the Higher Education Research Data Collection (HERDC) Specifications. The 2005 HERDC Specifications are available from [http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/research\\_sector/online\\_forms\\_services/documents/specs2005\\_pdf.htm](http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/research_sector/online_forms_services/documents/specs2005_pdf.htm)