

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 3

Output Group: 3.1 – Research Infrastructure

DEST Question No. E354_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

Is DEST undertaking any work on metrics or alternative models for assessing research quality to those proposed in the RQF discussion papers? What are the details, including the kind of models, costs incurred by DEST so far, consultants engaged, and expected completion dates? When was this work undertaken, who initiated the request for this work and why?

Answer:

Research Quality Framework

The RQF Development Advisory Group (RQFDAG) is undertaking work to develop the final model of the RQF. As part of this work, Working Groups are being established in the areas of: Metrics; Impact; Information Technology; and Modelling.

The Minister established the RQFDAG to work in consultation with the higher education sector to further progress the RQF model developed by the former Expert Advisory Group (EAG).