SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10

Outcome **2**

DEEWR Question No. **EW0132_10**

Senator Mason asked in writing:

Online Curriculum Resources

I note Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Austender number DEEWR RFT PRN20304.

The tender reads, "The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) is seeking an experienced service provider with strong knowledge and understanding of the Australian schools (K to 12) to undertake a review of arrangements for the provision of online curriculum resources, and to identify gaps and needs in the key subject areas of English, mathematics, the sciences, history, geography and languages."

In light of the apparent removal of funding for the School Music Education Portal, why was school music been excluded from this review of online curriculum resources?

Answer

The Digital Education Revolution supports the provision of online curriculum resources that are aligned to the National Curriculum. The exercise sought to map resources in the six key learning areas that had previously been announced as comprising the first two phases of National Curriculum development.

The Request for Tender for the mapping of online curriculum resources was released in December 2008 and closed on 23 January 2009.

The Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA) announced the inclusion of the arts, including the visual and performing arts, in the second phase of the development of the National Curriculum on 17 April 2009.