

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2008-09 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome 2

DEEWR Question No. EW789_09 & EW845_09

Senator Mason provided a written question on Wednesday 22 October 2008 and asked on Wednesday 22 October 2008, EEWWR Hansard page 6.

Written Question

When was the decision taken that the Commonwealth would undertake a review (that was commenced on 2 July 2008) into the ongoing costs of the 'computers in schools' program? What person or body made that decision?

Question tabled from Hansard

Computers in Schools Review

Senator MASON – When you say the Secretary of Prime Minister and Cabinet commissioned the review on 2 July

Dr Arthur – I said that was when it commenced. I do not have the date when the decision was taken to commission the review in front of me.

Senator MASON – That was what I was going to ask next. Can you find that out?

Dr Arthur – I can certainly take on notice exactly when it was done. We should be able to get that back to you before estimates conclude but if we cannot we will take it on notice.

Answer

The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet commissioned the review to determine legitimate and additional implications of the National Secondary School Computer Fund on 2 July 2008.