SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10

Outcome **3**

DEEWR Question No. **EW773_10**

Senator MacDonald provided in writing.

Question

Education Projects - RMIT Project

(i) What is the status of the Design Hub at RMIT project?
(ii) Why is the project still at a planning stage?
(iii)How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project?
(iv) Is the project running to schedule and within budget?
(v) *Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the status and progress of this project?*

Answer

(i) The contract for the construction of the RMIT Design Hub was awarded in June 2009. Basement excavation is currently underway on the site.

(ii) The project is no longer in the planning phase.

(iii) $2.5 million.

(iv) The project has been delayed by about three weeks. This is because excavation on site progressed more slowly than expected due to the presence of existing in-ground concrete foundations. The tender process indicated that construction cost is higher than anticipated, however under EIF funding agreements all cost overruns are to be covered by the funding recipient.

(v) The Department has been provided with progress reports regarding the status and progress of this project.