

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10**

Outcome **3**
DEEWR Question No. **EW775_10**

Senator MacDonald provided in writing.

Question

Education Projects - UNSW Project

- (i) What is the status of the Energy Technologies Building at UNSW 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) Detailed design is now completed.

The University has appointed a full and comprehensive consultant team for the project management and the project architecture, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, hydraulic engineering, structural and civil engineering, façade engineering, etc.

Phrase 1 of the construction tender has been completed and will be confirmed in February 2010.

The Project has been determined as a major project by the NSW Minister for Planning, the preliminary environment assessment (PEA) has been submitted and the Director General's requirements have been received.

- (ii) The project is developed well beyond the planning stage.
- (iii) \$2.9 million.
- (iv) The project is on track and within budget.
- (v) The Department has been provided with progress reports regarding the status and progress of this project.