SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10

Outcome ***3***

DEEWR Question No. **EW776_10**

Senator MacDonald provided in writing.

Question

Education Projects - Hearing Hub at Macquarie University Project

(i) What is the status of the Hearing Hub at Macquarie University project?
(ii) Project management services contract awarded.
(iii) Why is the project still at a planning stage?
(iv) How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project?
(v) Is the project running to schedule and within budget?
(vi) Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the status and progress of this project?

Answer

(i)The project has the services infrastructure works completed.

(ii) Tender for Architecture received and reviewed. Temporary car park development application (DA) submitted; Council requests for further information. Concept design is finalised and final costing review is underway.

(iii) The project has developed beyond the planning stage. The University has completed stormwater, gas and water infrastructure works. HV electricity works 95% complete by the time of reporting.

(iv) $10 million.

(v) The project has experienced some delays but will be on track by June 2010, and is within budget.

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