

About this report

The Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) Annual Report for 2004–05 contains information about the role of the department, our corporate governance arrangements and management accountability framework. It also reports on our performance against the outcomes and outputs framework set out in the 2004–05 Portfolio Budget Statements.

The Annual Report is the department's primary accountability document to Parliament and to the Australian people. The department has an 'Open for Business' philosophy and is committed to developing and maintaining strong relationships with those who have interests in education, science and training issues.

Part 1 Overview contains:

Chapter 1 the Secretary's review of the year.

Chapter 2 the departmental overview, including departmental structure and outcomes and outputs framework.

Part 2 Report on Performance reports on performance in achieving the outcomes.

Chapter 3 Outcome 1: Individuals achieve high quality foundation skills and learning outcomes from schools and other providers.

Chapter 4 Outcome 2: Individuals achieve relevant skills and learning outcomes from post-school education and training.

Chapter 5 Outcome 3: Australia has a strong science, research and innovation capacity and is engaged internationally on science, education and training to advance our social development and economic growth.

Chapter 6 contains information about Questacon, including report on performance and management and accountability.

Part 3 Management and Accountability focuses on DEST's enabling areas and how they support the department to achieve its goals, as well as governance and accountability arrangements.

Chapter 7 contains information about governance and accountability, such as risk management, audit and external scrutiny.

Chapter 8 reports on DEST's enabling areas, their purpose and their achievements during the year, including management of human resources.

Part 4 Appendices

Appendix 1 – Occupational Health and Safety

Appendix 2 – Freedom of Information

Appendix 3 – Payments to advertising and market research organisations

Appendix 4 – Consultancies

Appendix 5 – Discretionary grants

Appendix 6 – Ecologically Sustainable Development and Environmental Performance Reporting

Appendix 7 – Commonwealth Disability Strategy

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