1. PANEL MEETING

The AUQA Panel met in Melbourne on 6 March 2006 to discuss the Portfolio, what additional material they would like, what overseas partners they will visit and who they wish to interview.

1.1 Requests for Additional Information

The Panel requested a great deal of additional information in relation to the University's offshore operations. This was received by AUQA on Friday 17 March 2006.

At the time of preparing this report, the University is still awaiting advice as to what additional information is being sought in relation to the onshore visit.

2. OVERSEAS VISITS

The Panel Chair and AUQA Audit Director will visit the following of Murdoch’s overseas partners:

- NET Corporation, Kurashiki, Japan
- Singapore Manufacturers’ Federation (SMa), Singapore
- KDU College, Petaling Jaya

The Panel will review all courses offered at each of these locations. Professor Gary Martin will accompany the AUQA delegation to facilitate access and logistical arrangements. He will not be party to discussion between partners and AUQA.

3. PREPARATORY VISIT TO MURDOCH UNIVERSITY

The Panel Chair and Audit Director will visit Murdoch on Tuesday 4 April 2006, meet with the Vice Chancellor; Pro Vice Chancellor (Academic) and Quality Audit Co-ordinator; and Director, Educational Partnerships to discuss arrangements for both the offshore and onshore Panel visits, additional information requirements, and view the proposed venue at Murdoch.

4. AUQA AUDIT

The Panel will visit the University from 8 – 11 May 2006. AUQA will indicate those people they wish to interview. At this stage it appears that Senators will be included in the program for the first day, i.e. 8 May 2006.
5. **AUQA REPORTING PROCESS**

At the conclusion of the Panel Visit, the Panel will provide a preliminary overview of its findings at a meeting with the VC and PVC (A). A confidential draft report can be expected around three months after the Panel Visit and the University will be able to comment on errors of fact or emphasis. The Panel then accepts or rejects these comments and submits its final report to the AUQA Board, which approves it for public release. The entire process can take up to six months.

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