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In November 2006 Evan Arthur was elected Chair of the Australian ICT in Education Committee (AICTEC), the principle cross sectoral body advising the Federal, State and Territory Government Ministers on issues associated with the use of ICT in education. He was also Deputy Chair of AICTEC for several years.

In his position as Group Manager, Schools Teaching, Students and Digital Education Revolution Group in the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR), Evan is responsible for coordination of the Australian Government's involvement in teacher quality and development, student access and equity, and the use of information and communications technology (ICT) in education, including the Digital Education Revolution.

Evan was educated at Newcastle (Australia) and Cambridge (UK) Universities. His doctoral thesis was in the area of Stoic Philosophy.

Evan has been employed as a university tutor and as a public servant. He joined the Australian Public Service in 1981. During this period he has worked in the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs and the former Department of Education, Science and Technology on issues such as refugee policy, labour market programs, teacher professional development, research policy, recognition of overseas qualifications and the use of ICT in education.

Evan was responsible for the development of the National Action Plan for education and training sector under the National Strategy for the Information Economy and the Australian Government's involvement in the *Education Network Australia* (edna) initiative. He was also responsible for research policy issues including in the higher education sector and in this context, directed the implementation of two major Australian Government initiatives: the Research Quality Framework (RQF) and the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS). The RQF was developed to assess the quality and impact of research in Australia. NCRIS is a national process to implement identified priorities for research infrastructure.