

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.4 – Funding for higher education

DEST Question No. E867_04

Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing

Question:

- a) Why has the amount of transitional funding for 2005 risen from \$12.6 million, as detailed in the original BAF package, to \$22 million as detailed in DEST's BAF Newsletter No. 5?
- b) Please provide details of any increases calculated for individual universities.

Answer:

Increases in Transitional Funding

- a) Modelling undertaken at the institution level subsequent to the Budget announcement indicated that transitional funding of \$12.6 million was not going to be sufficient to ensure that no university would be worse off under the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*. This modelling indicated a figure of \$22 million would be sufficient.
- b) The final position with respect to transition funding will not be determined until Funding Agreements have been finalised. Completed Funding Agreements will be tabled in accordance with the Act.