

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. E874_04

Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing

Question:

Has DEST considered using more precise methods for measuring participation by equity groups?

Answer:

Measuring participation by equity groups

DEST is considering a number of different methods for measuring participation by equity groups in the current review of the Higher Education Equity Programme (HEEP). Discussion of possible methods are available in the research report, *Analysis of Equity Groups in Higher Education 1991-2002*, commissioned by DEST and carried out by the Centre for Studies in Higher Education in 2003. This is also highlighted in the HEEP Discussion Paper released on 2 March 2004 to encourage public submissions to the review of HEEP.