

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 3

Output Group: 3.1 – Research Infrastructure

DEST Question No. E881_04

Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing

Question:

What does DEST estimate the funding losses to universities would be if the funding in the Block Grants Schemes (IGS, RIBG & Systemic Infrastructure Initiative) was placed into a funding system that allowed non-university organisations to compete for funding?

Answer:

Grants for Research

It is not possible for DEST to estimate the impact on university funding if the research block grant schemes (IGS, RIBG and Systemic Infrastructure Initiative) were made available to non-university organisations given the various design parameters and number of variables that could be involved in any such calculation.