

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. E896_04

Senator Carr provided in writing

Question:

- a) Please provide details of doubtful debt projections for FEE-HELP, in matching time frame to that to be provided for HECS/HECS-HELP, together with assumptions about numbers of borrowers, amount borrowed, repayment rates etc.
- b) Please clarify whether the doubtful debt projections provided orally by DEST on Friday 20 February included FEE-HELP: if so, please disaggregate for the two schemes.

Answer:

Fee-help: doubtful debt projections

- a) Doubtful debt projections are calculated for the HELP programme as a whole by the Australian Government Actuary. These projections are provided in the answer to E904_04.
- b) Yes the projections provided by DEST include FEE-HELP. Disaggregated estimates are not available.