

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 2

**Output Group:** 2.5 – Assistance for post school students including those with special needs.

#### **DEST Question No. E689\_05**

Senator Aden Ridgeway provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

What are the reasons for individuals waiving or signing over their Abstudy entitlements? That is, what is the rationale for allowing it, and what are the usual reasons that students or families chose this option?

#### **Answer:**

#### *ABSTUDY*

As stated in answers to DEST Question Numbers E681\_05 and E686\_05, ABSTUDY payments are not waived or signed over to another body by applicants. The ABSTUDY payee is determined by Centrelink in accordance with ABSTUDY policy and is dependent on the student's age and whether or not the student is studying at home or away from home.