

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.4 – Funding for Higher Education

DEST Question No. E764_05

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

- a) Please provide figures on applications to study at Australian universities by international students and offers made to these applicants by state and territory for each of the last 5 years.
- b) What figures are available on these applications and offers for study in the 2005 academic year?
- c) Do these figures include applications to study at Australian universities off shore?
- d) If not, what figures do you have on demand by international students to study at off-shore campuses of Australian universities?

Answer:

International Students

- a) The Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) does not collect data regarding the numbers of applications from international students applying to study at Australian universities. This information is only available by contacting each university individually.
- b) See answer to a)
- c) See answer to a)
- d) DEST does not have data on the demand by international students to study at offshore campuses of Australian universities. DEST records the number of students studying at an offshore campus of Australian universities. The latest data available is for 2003, when there were a total of 56,587 overseas students studying at an offshore Australian campus.