

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

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

- a) Would the Department agree that, in making assessments of the financial health of universities, forward estimates or projections of each institution's income from all sources needs to be taken into account?
- b) Is it possible to make such assessments without forecasting income?

Answer:

Universities' international student number projections: Evaluation and auditing

- a) The Department does not consider it essential to have forward estimates or projections of an institution's income for assessing its financial health. However, if available, reliable estimates of institutions' income from all sources would add value to the Department's assessment of financial health.
- b) See (a) above.