

## 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. E797\_05**

Senator Carr provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

- a) Who is responsible for estimating future income from international education activities and overseas students' fees?
- b) Is it DEST or the universities themselves?
- c) Does DEST rely on projections of international student numbers, and fee income estimates, made by the universities themselves?

#### **Answer:**

*Universities' international student number projections: Evaluation and auditing*

- a) The individual universities should be estimating their future income from international education activities and overseas students' fees as part of their budget process.
- b) See (a) above.
- c) The Department does not undertake nor does it rely on financial projections, including income from international student fees, as part of its assessment of institutional sustainability. However, if reliable estimates of institutions' income from all sources are available, they would add value to the Department's assessment of financial health.