

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. E799_05

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

What action does the Department take if, in your considered opinion, a university is obviously relying on an estimate that is clearly significantly over-optimistic?

Answer:

Universities' international student number projections: Evaluation and auditing

If the Department considers that a University is relying on significantly over optimistic estimates of income, it will seek clarification of the basis for the underlying assumptions and the strategies for managing risks that may arise, especially with regard to the University's sustainability, from not achieving projected income levels.