

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. E801_05

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

- a) Is the Department satisfied that CQU is able to predict with sufficient accuracy its income from international students for 2005-2008?
- b) What measures have you taken to evaluate or audit CQU's predictions in this regard?
- c) Would the Department agree that, right now, the international student market is extremely volatile?

Answer:

Universities' international student number projections: Evaluation and auditing

- a) The Department considers it to be the responsibility of the University Council and management, in preparing and approving the University's business plans and budgets and in making business decisions, to ensure the reliability of underlying assumptions including income from international students.
- b) None. See (a) above.
- c) Although from time to time segments of the international student market may exhibit some volatility, the Department has no reason to believe the international student market as a whole is extremely volatile.