

**EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING**

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
2005-2006 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING**

**Outcome:** 2

**Output Group:** 2.4 – Funding for Higher Education

**DEST Question No. E1121\_06**

Senator Wong asked on 15 February 2006, EWRE Hansard page 90

**Question:**

- a). When did you first become aware of the figure of \$80 million?
- b). After the legislation was passed?

**Answer:**

*Voluntary Student Unionism Transition Fund*

- a). The *Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Up-front Student Union Fees) Bill 2005* was passed in the Senate on 9 December 2005. The \$80 million figure was referred to in the Minister's media release on 9 December.
- b). No