

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 1 & 2

Output Group: 1.2 – Assistance for individuals including those with special needs
2.5 – Assistance for post-school students including those with special needs

DEST Question No. E883_06

Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing.

Question:

Student Income Support Inquiry recommended “that Rent Assistance be made available for all recipients of Austudy, but not before a costing is undertaken by the Department of EST. The Committee recommends that the costing be completed before the end of 2005 and reported to the Parliament”.

Given that the Committee recommended DEST complete the costing process before the end of 2005, how is this recommendation progressing? When will Rent Assistance being made available for all recipients of Austudy?

Answer:

Rent Assistance for Austudy

The Government is considering this recommendation along with all the recommendations contained in the Senate Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee's Report *Student Income Support*. The Government will release its response to the recommendations in due course.