

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. E885_06

Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing.

Question:

Student Income Support Inquiry also recommended “that DEST undertake an analysis of the costs and benefits associated with exempting university-funded scholarships and scholarships funded by benefactors and philanthropists from the social security personal income test”. What is the progress of this recommendation?

Answer:

University and Benefactor funded scholarships

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.