

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 2

**Output Group:** 2.4 – Funding for higher education

#### **DEST Question No. E043\_04**

Senator Carr asked on 5 June 2003

#### **Question:**

- a) What universities, in the Department's opinion, might be in a position where they could constructively consider amalgamating with another higher education institution?
- b) What assistance would the Commonwealth provide in such circumstances?
- c) Is one of the Government's intentions, with this higher education package, to rationalise and reduce the number of universities?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Amalgamation of universities*

- a) The Department does not have an opinion on this issue.
- b) See above.
- c) It is not the Government's intention to rationalise or reduce the number of universities.