

## 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. E056\_04**

Senator Crossin asked on 5 June 2003

#### **Question:**

How will the \$122.6m under Regional campus loading be allocated – what percentage might NTU expect to get?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Allocation of regional loading and regional loading for the Northern Territory University*

The regional loading will be allocated from 2004 on the basis of domestic student load at eligible regional campuses. Regional campuses that are outside a mainland State capital city area in a population centre with fewer than 250 000 people are eligible for the loading. There are four bands based on distance from the nearest mainland capital city and on the size of the institution. These bands are:

- the Northern Territory attracting an estimated regional loading of 30% on an average funding rate of some \$6 400;
- distant and small with a regional loading of 7.5%;
- proximate and small or distant and large with a regional loading of 5%; and
- proximate and large with a regional loading of 2.5%.

Current estimates for the regional loading for the NTU indicate that it may receive some \$4.4 million from the regional loading in 2004, giving it some 15.7% of the total \$27.9m in 2004.