

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

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Senator Crossin asked on 5 June 2003

Question:

How will the Department ensure that all three groups of students – rural/regional, indigenous and those from low socio-economic backgrounds, receive their fair share of Education Cost and Accommodation Scholarships?

Answer:

Appropriate allocation of Commonwealth Learning Scholarships

The Commonwealth Learning Scholarships [Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarships (CAS) and Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarships (CECS)] are designed to assist students from rural and isolated areas, of low socio-economic status and from Indigenous backgrounds.

The Department is yet to finalise the details of how the scholarships will be allocated and the guidelines for the scholarship programme.

The Department intends to consult higher education providers and relevant stakeholder organisations on these matters.