

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 2

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

DEST Question No. E064_04

Senator Stott Despoja asked on 5 June 2003, EWRE Hansard page 452

Question:

- a) What evidence was relied upon to devise this [Learning Entitlement] proposal?
- b) What is the number [of students] who spend a large amount of time at universities undertaking multiple courses and awards.

Answer:

Learning entitlement

- a) The Learning Entitlement policy was influenced by concerns raised through the process of stakeholder consultation undertaken as part of the Review of higher education, that Commonwealth support for tertiary study be more equitably distributed to the Australian community.
- b) In 2002, 13,575 students commenced studies at the bachelor level, having already attained a bachelor degree.