

## 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. E085\_04**

Senator Carr asked on 5 June 2003

#### **Question:**

A departmental briefing on 16 May indicated that the percentage loadings for regional campuses were based on 2001 student numbers and therefore indicative. If the budgeted funds are insufficient to pay the loading at the percentages announced will the percentages be reduced or the budgeted funds increased? Have you done any modeling on post 2001 data?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Regional loading funding*

On current estimates for 2002 student data, there will be sufficient funds available to maintain the percentage loadings announced.

This data and the quantum of funds will be finalised in consultation with higher education institutions over the next few months.