

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.

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Senator Crossin asked on 3 June 2003. EWRE Hansard page 271

Question:

Looking at the Commonwealth learning scholarships program, which is the fourth initiative here, and the education costs scholarships, are any of these a response to the away from base Abstudy initiative? Will they affect the away from base ability.

Answer:

Impact of Commonwealth Learning Scholarships on away from base initiative

The Commonwealth learning scholarships programme will provide scholarships to eligible disadvantaged students; the Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarship (CECS) to assist with their education and the Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarships (CAS) with accommodation costs. The Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarships will be allocated to students from rural and isolated areas who have moved to undertake their higher education.

The Commonwealth learning scholarships programme (Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarships (CECS) and Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarships (CAS)) will have no impact on the away from base initiative delivered under the Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programme (IESIP) and is not a response to this initiative.

The away from base element of IESIP is paid to institutions to enable them to meet the travel, accommodation and meal costs for Indigenous full or part-time distance education students who have to leave their home for a short period to participate in compulsory residential schools and related activities.