

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

**Outcome:** 3

**Output Group:** 3.3 – AEI Group

#### **DEST Question No. E153\_04**

Senator Carr asked on 5 June 2003, EWRE Hansard page 513

#### **Question:**

I have a list of the CRICOS registration fees for the universities. It was attached to a vice-chancellors press release around 13 May. I want to confirm these figures. Are you satisfied that they are accurate? Can you confirm the accuracy of those figures?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Accuracy of AVCC figures*

With regard to the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee's (AVCC) Media Release of 13 May 2003 entitled "New Taxes a set back for Education Exports", the Department is not aware as to how the AVCC has calculated its estimates.

Based on Departmental data, the AVCC's estimates appear in the main to under-estimate the amounts universities will be required to pay in 2004. Under the new Annual Registration Charge (ARC) charging structure there will be a charge of \$300 for each provider per annum, plus \$25 per student enrolment each year. The definition of enrolment remains the same with students enrolled for less than 26 weeks equivalent to 0.5 and students enrolled for more than 26 weeks equivalent to 1.0.