

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. E302_04

Senator Harradine asked on 5 June 2003

In question E301_04 Senator Harradine stated that Tasmania has the lowest university participation rate for 15-24 year olds in Australia, with only 11.3 per cent undertaking university study. Senator Harradine then asked "What work has been done to investigate the reasons for this low participation rate and how it might be addressed?"

Question:

Does the Department have a view as to how best to increase Tasmania's participation rate?

Answer:

Tasmanian participation rates

The entry scores to the University of Tasmania and current unmet demand (estimated by the Australian Vice-Chancellors Committee) do not indicate a significant difference in access compared to other States. The Department has therefore not formulated a view on how best to increase the Tasmanian rates.