

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 2

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

#### **DEST Question E036\_05**

Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

1. What data indicated that 5 Indigenous staff scholarships was an adequate number and would provide a strong and visible Indigenous presence in the higher education system?
2. Why was this particular number of Indigenous staff scholarships chosen?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Indigenous Staff Scholarships*

1. The number of Indigenous staff scholarships offered was determined following advice from the Higher Education Review.
2. Consultations with the higher education sector indicated that there could be detrimental effects on the higher education system to have more than five Indigenous staff members out of the system at one time.