

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

**Outcome:** 2

**Output Group:** 2.4 – Funding for Higher Education

#### **DEST Question No. E077\_05**

Senator Carr provided in writing.

*Refers to E471\_04*

#### **Question:**

Please specify what circumstances have changed in relevant ways so that the trend since 1998 – where only 20% of fee-payers have moved to HECS places annually – is not to prevail any more.

#### **Answer:**

*Fee Payers moving to HECS places*

The availability of FEE-HELP loans to fee paying students is a significant, relevant change to the circumstances in question. However, DEST has no information that indicates there will be any significant change in the percentage of continuing fee-paying undergraduate students who move to HECS places.