

## 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 No. E092\_05**

Senator Carr provided in writing.

*Refers to E915\_04*

#### **Question:**

Do the figures in Table 3.5 of the interim Triennium report take account of the extra HECS debt as a result of the passage of the *Higher Education Support Act*?

#### **Answer:**

*HECS debt as a result of HESA*

Table 3.5 takes into account a large proportion of the additional HELP debt under the *Higher Education Support Act 2003 (HESA)*. The actual and estimated HECS liabilities, payments and accumulated debt projections in Table 3.5 of the interim Triennium Report were calculated in October 2003 and therefore reflect all government decisions prior to this time. The estimates do not include decisions made between November and the passage of HESA in December 2003.