

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. E101_05

Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing.

Refers to E723_04

Question:

What is the total additional revenue estimated by DEST that each university will receive per year from 2005-08, including amounts from HECS and fee increases, CGS amounts, regional loadings and other federal grants?

Have the effects of these revenue differences been modelled or considered by DEST?

What impact is this likely to have on smaller regional and outer metropolitan universities?

Answer:

Estimated Additional Revenue

DEST has not and cannot estimate the total additional revenue that each university will receive in 2005, beyond what they will receive in CGS funding. All other revenue changes are dependent on decisions which are solely the responsibility of universities (such as HECS charges or the number of full fee payers), are based on decisions which will be made in successive funding agreements, or are the subject of competitive bidding processes (such as competitive research grants or allocations of new places).

Revenue for small regional and outer metropolitan universities will also be dependent on these factors.

DEST will only estimate CGS revenue for universities annually, as outcomes in subsequent years depend on current year funding agreement discussions. The funding agreements do not include HECS payments nor any funding for research activities.

DEST has not considered the effects of these unknown revenue differences on universities.