

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. E111_05

Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing.

Question:

Please explain how the estimated cost of exempting the CLSs from the social security income test, of \$24.6 million over five years, was calculated.

Answer:

Cost of exempting the CLS

The Department of Family and Community Services (FaCS) was responsible for estimating the cost of exempting the CLS from the social security income test. DEST provided FaCS with the total number of scholarships to be offered over the period and FaCS applied this to their customer base.