

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 2

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

#### **DEST Question No. E041\_06**

Senator Wong asked on Thursday 2 June 2005 EWRE Hansard page 36.

#### **Question:**

What was the proposed expenditure in relation to the savings (\$1.5 million Budget Paper No 2, 2005-06 Welfare to Work – increasing participation of people with a disability)?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Details of Budget Paper No 2 2005-06 \$1.5Million Savings*

The \$1.5m is a flow on impact from Disability Support Pension (DSP) Reform package and was included in the 2004-05 Budget under FaCS portfolio. It was removed due to "non-passage of reforms to the *Disability Services Act*" in the 2005-06 Budget. It appears as a saving under DEST portfolio because Youth Allowance (student) and Austudy have transferred to DEST and are under the responsibility of DEST.

The \$1.5m was derived from an expected increase in customers moving onto Austudy and Youth Allowance (student) schemes that would have resulted from the DSP Reform package.