

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

**SENATE LEGISLATIVE 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: E053_06

Senator Carr provided in writing

Question:

Will the report be published? When? Is it completed? Why the delay in publishing? Is it true that you are delaying until the Estimates round is over? There's a rumour to that effect.

Answer:

ABSTUDY II

There has been no delay in publishing. Extra time was taken to allow for late submissions and to conduct case studies. The closing date for submissions was 28 February 2005. The last submission was not received until 19 April 2005. The case studies were completed in May 2005. A report of the findings from the review is being prepared for the Minister.