

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. E315_06 (Final)

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

- 1) Please provide the number of (a) males, (b) females, and (c) people in total with an outstanding or accumulated HECS debt by postcode area of residence.
- 2) Please provide the total outstanding HECS debt of (a) males, (b) females, and (c) people in total by postcode area of residence.
- 3) Please provide the number of (a) males, (b) females, and (c) people in total with an outstanding or accumulated HECS debt by their Federal Electorate of residence.
- 4) Please provide the total outstanding HECS debt of (a) males, (b) females, and (c) people in total by their Federal Electorate of residence.

Answer:

Outstanding HECS debt by gender, postcode and Federal Electorate

1) and 2) The answer is provided at Attachment A.

3) and 4) HECS data cannot be extracted by Federal Electorate.

Notes:

- Data has been provided by the Australian Taxation Office and is current as at 30 June 2005. Due to a change in reporting requirements, this information does not include debts incurred in the first half of 2005.
- The data is based on the residential address postcode of each client. If the residential address postcode is blank or invalid, then the postal address postcode is used.
- 'Other' clients include those overseas or where the postal address is invalid or incomplete.
- Address data is based on the latest information provided to the Australian Taxation Office by the taxpayer or their agent and may no longer be current.
- There is a small variance in the data provided in this response compared with DEST Question Nos E377_06 and E417_06 due to the use of different data extraction techniques by the Australian Taxation Office.
- As some of the information pertains to very small subpopulations, it is inappropriate to provide information in respect of certain postcodes. In these postcodes, the information is provided on a State/Territory basis to ensure the confidentiality of the relevant individuals and to avoid an unreasonable disclosure of their personal information. This is consistent with the Australian Bureau of Statistics policy for the release of data for such small respondent groups.