

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.4 – Funding for Higher Education

DEST Question No. E333_06

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

The report notes that the revenue of the sector has increased substantially since 1996. It says that a large part of this growth has come from international students.

- a) How much, in 2003?
- b) Can you confirm that in 2004 the amount generated from overseas students was \$1.7 billion, as reported in the media recently?
- c) This revenue has grown by over 200% since 1996 – can you confirm that?

Answer:

Financial position of the higher education sector – revenue growth

- a) Total overseas student fee income in 2003 was \$1.7 billion or 14% of total revenue, an increase of \$257 million from \$1.4 billion in 2002.
- b) The \$1.7 billion figure relates to 2003. Information on overseas student fee income for 2004 is not yet available.
- c) Yes.