

## 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. E374\_06**

Senator Carr provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

- a) What are the Government's motives in persisting with efforts to accord this provider access to Commonwealth funds?
- b) Are you aware that there are persistent rumours that the University of Melbourne is going to close down the entity it owns – known as MUP? As the owner of the entity, the University of Melbourne would have the power to do this, would it not?
- c) Have you discussed the matter of the future of MUP with the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Melbourne in recent times?
- d) What is the point of the Government's listing it in the Act until you can be sure that it will continue to exist?

#### **Answer:**

*Melbourne University Private - listing on Table B*

- a) The Government's objective in seeking to list Melbourne University Private on Table B of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* was to put in on the same footing as all other private universities in Australia which are already on Table B.
- b) DEST became aware of the decision to close Melbourne University Private on 7 June 2005. The University of Melbourne has the power to make this decision.
- c) No.
- d) With the decision to close Melbourne University Private, the Bill to list Melbourne University Private in Table B will be removed from the Notice Paper.