

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. E383_06

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

- a) What is the value of FEE-HELP debt incurred by students at:
- i. Table B providers
 - ii. Non Table A and B providers
- at the first census date for 2005?
- b) What projections are available for each year from 2005 to 2009?

Answer:

FEE-HELP debt in 2005 and projections for 2005 to 2009

- a) The Department does not yet have data on FEE-HELP debts for 2005. This data will not be available until after 31 August 2005, which is the final date for providers to submit data for the first half of the year.
- b) The Department does not disaggregate estimated FEE-HELP debts for students at Table B providers from FEE-HELP debts at other private providers. The following table provides the Department's estimated total FEE-HELP debt for students at private higher education providers, including Table B providers, for each calendar year from 2005 to 2009. The estimates will be revised in the light of experience.

Private providers (Table B and approved HEPs)	2005 \$m	2006 \$m	2007 \$m	2008 \$m	2009 \$m
Undergraduate	58	71	76	78	80
Other ¹	12	15	16	16	17
Total	70	86	92	95	97

1. *Other* includes loans to students undertaking postgraduate study (coursework and research), as well as students undertaking bridging study for overseas-trained professionals and enabling courses.

2. Amounts may not sum to totals due to rounding.