

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. E396_06

Senator Nettle provided in writing.

Question:

Is DEST in negotiation with any private universities concerning possible establishment of campuses in Australia?

Answer:

Foreign Private Universities

The Department has held a number of meetings and discussions with staff from the South Australian Premier's Department to discuss a proposal for the establishment of a branch of Carnegie Mellon University, USA, in Adelaide, South Australia. These discussions have resulted in proposed amendments to the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* (HESA) which are currently before Parliament for consideration and debate.

DEST has not been involved in negotiations with any other foreign private university concerning possible establishment of campuses in Australia.