

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. E397_06

Senator Nettle provided in writing.

Question:

Are there any plans to alter legislation to allow students enrolled at a foreign university that may set up in Australia to access FEE-HELP assistance?

What other entitlements does DEST intend to make available to students studying at foreign universities set up in Australia?

Answer:

Commonwealth entitlements for students enrolled in a private foreign university.

- a) Yes. The Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 4) Bill 2005 amends the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* (HESA) to allow eligible Australian students enrolled in overseas higher education providers who are listed on Table C of HESA to access FEE-HELP loans.
- b) The amendments allow for access to FEE-HELP and OS-HELP loans for eligible Australian students. No other entitlements have been provided for in the amendments.