

## 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. E406\_06**

Senator Nettle provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

How does the department ensure that new HEPs adhere to the same standards of equal opportunity education and anti-discrimination procedures as Table A providers?

#### **Answer:**

##### *New Higher Education Providers and Equity Issues*

Australian higher education providers, including private providers, are responsible for determining what services they provide to students with regard to equity issues. However, all higher education providers are subject to State, Territory and Federal law with regard to these issues.

New higher education providers must also meet requirements set out in the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*. These include requirements for benefits and opportunities to be available equally to all students (s19-35) and requirements for student grievance and review procedures (s 19-45).