

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.5 – Assistance for post school students including those with special needs

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Senator Wong asked on 1 June 2006, EWRE Hansard page 17

Question:

Are you able to do the same for me for the forward estimate comparison for 2006-07 in the two?

Answer:

Movement in the 2006-07 HELP expense between the 2005-06 and 2006-07 Portfolio Budget Statements

The tables below detail the movement in the HELP expense for the 2006-07 financial year between the 2005-06 Portfolio Budget Statements and the 2006-07 Portfolio Budget Statements.

Portfolio Budget Statements (PBS)	2006-07 \$'000
HELP expense 2005-06 PBS	698,902
HELP expense 2006-07 PBS	519,381
Total Movement	-179,521
Explanation of total movement between 2005-06 and 2006-07 PBS	
<i>Doubtful debt provision expense</i>	
<i>Revision to doubtful debt provision due to actuarial assessment</i>	-124,168
<i>Revision to student loan estimates</i>	-60,909
<i>Revision to repayment and indexation estimates</i>	17,255
Total doubtful debt provision expense	-167,822
Changes to personal benefits expense (1)	-8,616
Changes to other write-downs (2)	-3,083
Total Movement	-179,521

(1) Personal benefits expenses include the 10% bonus on voluntary repayments and the 20% discount for up-front payments of student contributions.

(2) Includes write-downs for deceased debtors, remissions, waivers, bankruptcy, debts irrecoverable at law and debts uneconomical to pursue.