

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

DEST Question No. E049_07

Senator Wong asked on 1 June 2006, EWRE Hansard pages 19 and 20

Question:

I assume you model the number of graduates who are going overseas to work. This is in the context of your provision for debt. And what impact that has on your assumptions about doubtful debt and repayment levels, et cetera.

Answer:

Graduates working overseas

The Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) does not model the number of graduates who go overseas to work. The Australian Government Actuary generates the estimate used for the provision for doubtful debt in the Department's accounts.