

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 27

Question:

How many students leave Australia with a HECS or HELP debt after graduation? I presume that might be something that the actuarial analysis looks at.

Answer:

Students going overseas who have HELP debts

The Department does not collect information on the number of students who leave Australia with a HECS or HELP debt after graduation. The Australian Government Actuary generates the estimate used for the provision for doubtful debt in the Department's accounts.