

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. E082_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

Please provide state by state breakdown of outstanding Help debt.

Answer:

Outstanding HELP debt breakdown by State and Territory

State and Territory breakdown of outstanding HECS debt as at 30 June 2006

State/Territory	HECS debt amount	Debtors
Australia Capital Territory	\$320,882,595	28,926
New South Wales	\$3,670,055,546	354,402
Northern Territory	\$86,024,807	10,119
Queensland	\$2,471,074,946	239,112
South Australia	\$926,369,702	88,134
Tasmania	\$274,752,545	26,809
Victoria	\$3,481,801,390	321,540
Western Australia	\$1,193,359,971	116,187
Unknown	\$23,306,842	3,107
Total	\$12,447,628,344	1,188,336

Notes:

- Data is provided by the Australian Taxation Office.
- Due to a change in reporting requirements, this information does not include debts incurred in the first half of 2006.
- The data is based on the residential address postcode of each client. If the residential address postcode is blank or invalid, then the postal address postcode is used.
- 'Unknown' clients include those overseas or where the postal address postcode is invalid or incomplete.
- Address data is based on the latest information provided to the Australian Tax Office by the taxpayer or their agent and may no longer be current.