

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING
SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2006-2007 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.4 – Funding for higher education.

DEST Question No. E346_07

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Please provide an update to E025_06: There is an astonishing trend among commencing Indigenous students – the fact that females now outnumber males in this category by around 2:1.

Overall, Indigenous female students considerably outnumber males also.

- (a) What is happening here?
- (b) What social or cultural factors are operating?
- (c) What work have you done to improve the rates for male students?
- (d) What factors are contributing?
- (e) Please provide copies of reports on any research you have undertaken or commissioned.

Answer:

The answer provided for E025_06 remains current.