

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2007-2008 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome 2 - HIGHER EDUCATION

DEST Question No. E144_08

Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing.

Question:

It has been reported in the media that there is a \$1.2 billion backlog in maintenance and infrastructure. Does the Department have calculations of its own to indicate the level of investment required to address urgent maintenance and infrastructure needs?

Answer:

University Maintenance and Infrastructure

The most recent estimate of deferred maintenance reflected in the Campus Asset Management Plans of universities provided to DEST was approximately \$1.5 billion in 2005. This maintenance is not necessarily urgent.