

**EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING**

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

**Outcome** 2 - HIGHER EDUCATION

**DEST Question No. E149\_08**

Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing.

**Question:**

If you are trying to encourage diversity in the sector, on what basis will you compare applications? What will the criteria be?

**Answer:**

*Diversity and Structural Adjustment Fund*

The basis on which Applications for Grant under the Diversity and Structural Adjustment Fund will be assessed is currently being developed. The assessment criteria will be finalised once consultation with the higher education sector has occurred. The consultation process is due to commence at the end of July 2007.