

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome 2 - HIGHER EDUCATION

DEST Question No. E151_08

Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing.

Question:

What is the Department's assessment of the danger that a fund like this, tuned as it is towards 'local employer needs', will lead to some courses not so directly linked to a clear career path (eg. humanities/arts) being increasingly marginalised?

Answer:

Diversity and Structural Adjustment Fund

Guidelines for the Diversity and Structural Adjustment Fund have not yet been finalised. However, there is no intention to limit the discipline mix that could be considered for funding.