

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 2

**Output Group:** 2.5 Assistance for post school students including those with special needs.

#### **DEST Question No. E457\_04**

Senator Carr asked on 6 November 2003

#### **Question:**

*Refers to DEST Question No. E077\_04*

Why was it deemed good policy to introduce a loans scheme that does not cover the cost of thirty four per cent of domestic undergraduate fee-paying courses at public institutions?

#### **Answer:**

*FEE-HELP Loan Limit:*

The loan scheme, FEE-HELP, was introduced to extend a Commonwealth loan for the first time to undergraduate fee paying students, giving less affluent students the option of undertaking the course of their choice.