

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.4 – Funding for higher education

DEST Question No. E466_04

Senator Crossin asked on 6 November 2003

Question:

I understand universities will be paid \$200,000 each towards the cost of implementing the Higher Education Information Management Scheme (HEIMS).

- (a) Why are they not being paid the FULL cost?
- (b) Who is being tasked with developing and setting up this system?
- (c) Will it be tried and tested or set loose on universities with the potential to cause major problems as with certain other recent programmes?

Answer:

HEIMS

- (a) The Government made a decision that public higher education institutions will receive \$200,000 in 2003-04 to contribute to the implementation of elements of the Higher Education Information Management System (HEIMS) and the new student financing initiatives.
- (b) DEST has the responsibility for developing and implementing HEIMS in consultation with the higher education sector.
- (c) As part of the development phase, the modules and functions of HEIMS will be thoroughly tested prior to release.