

## 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. E668\_04**

Senator Stott Despoja asked on 6 November 2003

#### **Question:**

How much was spent on the production and distribution of the brochures advertising *Backing Australia's Future*, which were sent to universities prior to the tabling of the higher education legislation?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Cost of Backing Australia's Future*

The total cost of the production of the *Our Universities: Backing Australia's Future* brochure was \$32,153.

The distribution costs were covered by DEST funds and totalled \$5,397.

Distribution of the brochures was as follows:

- 945,377 to existing HECS debtors
- Approximately 85,000 to universities
- 5 brochures to each school with year 11 and 12 students
- 5,000 in the higher education reform policy packs