

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 1 and 2

Output Group: 1.2 Assistance for individuals including those with special needs and
2.5 Assistance for post school students including those with special needs

DEST Question No. E688_04

Senator Stott Despoja asked on 17 November 2003.

Question:

I also note that data on ABSTUDY recipients does not appear to have been included in the 2001 National Report to Parliament on Indigenous Education and Training (tabled in 2002). Can we expect this data to be published in future such reports? Can you provide more current figures i.e. 2003 figures on ABSTUDY recipients?

Answer:

Inclusion of ABSTUDY data in the National Report to Parliament on Indigenous Education and Training

The National Report to Parliament on Indigenous Education and Training is developed according to the provisions of the *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000*.

As ABSTUDY is not administered under the *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000*, ABSTUDY data was not included in the National Report 2002. The inclusion of ABSTUDY data will be addressed in the context of the 2003 National Report.

2003 ABSTUDY Data

Please refer the data in answer to QON 922_04.