

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE-QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1
Output Group: Assistance for transitions through and from school.

DEST Question No. E439_05

Senator Harradine provided in writing.

Question:

What funding does the Department provide to assist pregnant and parenting students to complete their education, whether that be school education or post-school education? Please give details for each program.

Answer:

Pregnant and/or Parenting Young Students and their Education

The Department assists all school students, including pregnant or parenting students, through General Recurrent Grant funding which is available to each student enrolled at the school on census day.

While no specific programmes exist for pregnant and/or parenting young students, \$5.3m has been allocated to the POEM Pilot from 2002 to 31 December 2005. Under the Pilot one of the target groups supported by each of the POEM projects is that of pregnant or parenting young people. One POEM project caters for pregnant young women and young mothers while several other projects have significant participation of pregnant and parenting students. See answer to Question E438_05 for further details.