

## 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. E441\_05**

Senator Harradine provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

Please provide a table detailing the number of pregnant or parenting students who have left school in Australia without completing their education, by state or territory, for each of the last ten years.

#### **Answer:**

##### *Pregnant and/or Parenting Young Students and their Education*

The Department does not collect this data. Indicative information is available from the Longitudinal Surveys of Australian Youth (LSAY), relating to young people in the Y95 cohort who were still in the survey at the end of the year 2000 (when they were approximately age 19). However, given the small number of young people (approximately 78 females out of a sample of 4016) the findings can not be readily extrapolated.

LSAY found that:

- of the female early leavers who were not in the labour force, 82% were involved in home duties or were looking after children. (This equated to 2% of all female leavers in the sample, and 11% of all female early leavers.