

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

**Outcome:** 2  
**Output Group:** 2.4 – Funding for Higher Education

#### DEST Question No. E458\_05

Senator Carr provided in writing.

*Refers QoN E086\_05*

#### Question:

In Question E086 '*HECS Outstanding debt breakdown by state*' the Department indicated that a state by state breakdown of outstanding HECS debt for 2003-04 will not be available until after the end of the 2003-04 financial year. Please provide that information.

#### Answer:

*HECS Outstanding debt breakdown by state*

#### State and Territory breakdown of outstanding HECS debt

State	HECS Debt Amount (\$)	Debtors
Unknown	\$19,209,953	2,729
ACT	\$295,387,903	30,231
NSW	\$3,184,155,657	351,340
NT	\$83,470,561	11,047
QLD	\$2,120,813,744	236,031
SA	\$821,022,809	89,029
TAS	\$241,184,112	26,782
VIC	\$3,066,856,527	325,290
WA	\$1,047,563,534	116,088
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,879,664,800</b>	<b>1,188,567</b>

#### Qualifications

- This data is based on the residential address postcode of each client. If the residential address postcode is blank or invalid, then the postal address postcode is used.
- Unknown clients include those overseas or where the postal address postcode is invalid/incomplete.
- Address data is based on the latest information provided to the Tax Office by the taxpayer or their agent and may no longer be current.
- The HECS Debt Amount is current as at 30/6/2004.
- A discrepancy of \$6.5m exists between the total debt as at 30 June 2004 shown here and the figure shown in the DEST Annual Report because some account postings have been adjusted since the Annual Report was finalised.