

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.1 – Funding for vocational education and training

DEST Question No. E456_06

Senator Nettle provided in writing.

Question:

Minister's estimates for unmet demand for student enrolments [in vocational education and training - VET]

Answer:

Unmet student demand for a VET place

DEST has provided the following response.

DEST does not separately maintain estimates of unmet student demand for enrolment in VET. DEST relies on Australian Bureau of Statistics data.

The survey of Education and Work (ABS series number 6227.0, conducted in May and findings published in December each year) includes a measure on unmet demand for vocational education and training places. From the 2004 survey it is estimated that a total of 45,500 persons were unable to gain a place on application to study vocational education and training in any institution, including 34,100 persons unable to gain a place on application to a TAFE. This is down on the 55,400 in total and 45,900 in TAFE estimated from the 2003 survey.