

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.4 – Funding for Higher Education

DEST Question No. E672_06 – Final

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

Please provide (in Excel spreadsheet format) on FEE-HELP outlays by year:

- a) Since 2001, and in the Budget out-years
- b) By discipline
- c) Whether public or private institution
- d) By institution
- e) By State/Territory

Answer:

FEE-HELP outlays for 2005 and the Budget out-years

FEE-HELP was implemented in 2005. FEE-HELP payments to each higher education provider are made as an advance of the estimated aggregate amount of FEE-HELP payable for the tuition fees of its students. For 2005, advance payments will be reconciled in mid-2006 according to actual data from higher education providers on FEE-HELP liabilities for the 2005 calendar year as provided to DEST through the *Higher Education Student Collection*. Attachment 1 lists the 2005 advance FEE-HELP payments made on the basis of estimates as agreed with providers incorporating any variations which have been made as at 22 February 2006.

Attachment 2 lists the 2006 estimated advance FEE-HELP payments as at 22 February 2006. Estimates for outyears are provided in Attachment 5 to Question on Notice E670-06.