

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. E675_06

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

- a) Has DEST received any applications to be listed as a new provider under tables A, B, or C of the Higher Education Support Act?
- b) If so from which institution/s? And when were the applications received?

Answer:

Higher Education Support Act - Tables A, B and C

a) & b)

DEST received representations from:

- Melbourne University Private on 24 December 2003 to be listed on Table B. The *Higher Education Support Amendment (Melbourne University Private) Bill 2005* was introduced into the House on 16 March 2005. With the announcement in June 2005 by the University of Melbourne of the decision to close Melbourne University Private, the Minister has formally sought withdrawal of the Bill from the Notice Paper.
- the South Australian Government on behalf of Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) on 1 March 2005. Legislation to amend the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* to insert a new category of "Table C" providers is currently before the parliament. This amendment will provide an operational framework for all approved overseas higher education institutions to operate a branch in Australia, and to access limited Commonwealth support, in the form of FEE-HELP and OS-HELP for their eligible Australian students. CMU will be listed as a Table C provider.

No other applications have been received.