

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

**Outcome:** 2

**Output Group:** 2.5 – Assistance for post school students including those with special needs

#### **DEST Question No. E829\_06 – Final**

Senator Nettle provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

What are the Minister's estimates for student contributions to course costs at Universities for each of the years 2006 to 2010?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Student contributions*

The table below sets out the estimated total student contributions\* for Commonwealth supported students for each calendar year from 2006 to 2010 at all higher education providers.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total student contributions</b>
2006	\$2.3 billion
2007	\$2.5 billion
2008	\$2.7 billion
2009	\$2.8 billion
2010	\$2.8 billion

\* Total student contributions include amounts deferred to a HECS-HELP loan, amounts paid up-front direct to higher education providers and the HECS-HELP discount paid to providers on behalf of students who choose to pay their student contribution up-front.