

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.4 - Funding for Higher Education

DEST Question No. E679_07

Senator Stephens asked on 1 November 2006, EWRE Hansard pages 76 and 77.

Question:

Senator STEPHENS - One of the requirements of the new system is to offer AWAs to university staff as a condition of funding. Is the department aware of how many staff in Australian universities are on Australian Workplace Agreements at the moment?

Senator STEPHENS - Is there a way of telling how many of these were for academic staff and how many were for general staff?

Answer:

Australian Workplace Agreements (AWAs)

The Department of Education, Science and Training does not collect data on Australian Workplace Agreements (AWAs) in the higher education sector.

The Office of the Employment Advocate (OEA) only holds pre-Work Choices data on the number of new AWAs lodged with the OEA annually from the higher education sector. In the 12 months to March 2006, there were 805 new AWAs in the higher education sector lodged with the OEA. The OEA has advised that the data can not be interrogated on the basis of staff classification.