

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2007-2008 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome 2 – HIGHER EDUCATION

DEST Question No. E138_08

Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing.

Question:

What is the Government's assessment of the increase in demand for full-fee places across the sector with the removal of that cap?

Answer:

Removal of cap on fee paying places at public universities

In the first half of 2006 (latest available data), only 3% of domestic undergraduate students were in fee paying places at Table A providers.

It is considered that in circumstances of very little unmet demand, further Commonwealth supported places coming on stream in 2008, and greater flexibility for universities to over enrol, the removal of the cap on domestic undergraduate fee paying places at Table A providers is unlikely to lead to other than a modest increase in the domestic undergraduate fee paying load.